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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Stores Gird for---?

The food store owners can remember back a year.

Sort of an intelligence test!

Last year the big chains tried to lock out Food Clerks Local 870, and tried to convince the independents, including the mama and papa stores, that "all us whales and minnows gotta stick together agin that man-eating shark of a union." If you'll pardon a rather free translation of the chains' lingo.

But it didn't work. So this year they're girding for something or other by forming a new association to which supposedly the chains and the independents all belong, and they're announcing that if a clerk gets a nickel more a year the price of meat will go up to the stratosphere—again freely to translate.

Well, anyway, be sure to read the story on this page of this issue.

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Dan Tobin, Dave Beck

The story headlined "Dan Tobin Reminds Dave Beck He Can Fire Him; Says He Doesn't Want Rats" contains Labor Press Associates' summary of what has happened so far in the Teamsters' great who-dun-it and who's going-to-do-what-next mystery, which has many of the cash customers sitting on the edge of their seats.

The International Teamster has been getting more interesting every month, for those who have developed the fine art of reading between the lines. But in the current August issue the story begins to jump right out into the lines.

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"Ideological Neurotics"

Our story in this issue headed "Flynn Thinks 'Ideological Neurotics' Fighting Him Are Not quite Hitlers" casts some light on the internal struggle that must be going on in Harry Bridges' outfit as the battle over hiring halls intensifies.

The GOP Congress by passing the Taft-Hitler Law—beg pardon, the Taft-Hartley Law—played right into the hands of Harry Bridges. For naturally, non-leftists longshoremen don't want to give up their hiring hall, so there's a tendency for them to stick with their leaders in the crisis, even if they know some of them are what Tim Flynn calls "ideological neurotics."

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Dr. Gallagher's Talk

Note that we are running an analysis of the "special spasm" of Congress by Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, another of the fine series of talks he is giving Sunday nights at 9:15 p. m. over KRE.

Also, in our Friend and Foe column on the editorial page will be found some discussion of material published by the Berkeley Gazette and the People's World—very different types of material in very different types of papers!—on Dr. Gallagher's recent discussion of Communism and civil rights.

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Are You a Trash-Tosser?

Read on the editorial page the discussion of garbage-dumpers and trash-tossers in Edith McConn's column, "Women in This World."

Did you see what the shores of Lake Merritt looked like after the Glorious Fourth? Were you one of those who made those shores look that way? Read Miss McConn's article and think it over.

Especially since Labor Day is approaching—another chance to choose between being a trash-tosser and a good housekeeper for the public.

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Wages 20 cents, Eggs 15 cents

You may be interested in the story, "Carpenter Got 20 cents Hourly but Eggs 15 cents per Dozen," based on the records kept 46 years ago by E. P. McCaslin, aged 92, an oldtime carpenter and contractor living in Oakland.

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Harry Bridges Analyzed

Be sure to read the story in this issue headed "Priest Tells Harry Bridges Why He's Called Commie-Controlled."

Harry, as you will see, asked for it, and he got it!

Picnic is Held by AFL Postal Unions

The annual picnic of Branch No. 76, National Association of Letter Carriers, and Local No. 78, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, was held on Sunday at Indian Camp, Tilden Regional Park.

Dick Minor, general chairman of the picnic committee, was assisted by Arne Neilsen, Al Reese, Buzzie March, A. R. McKay, A. J. Panttaja, and W. Hogg.

NOTICE! Hayward Carpenters 1622

The regular meeting of September 3, 1948, has been canceled.

Fraternally yours,
H. E. REDDING

Food Clerks Invite Press To Stay, Hear Negotiations

Representatives of a new combine of food store owners in Alameda and Contra Costa counties clashed with spokesmen for the AFL Retail Food Clerks Tuesday over the question of whether the press should attend negotiations for a new contract.

James F. Galliano, attorney for the clerks, and Charles P. Omstead, secretary of Retail Food Clerks, Local 870, made it plain that they were very glad to have representatives of the press stay throughout the negotiations.

EMPLOYERS WORRIED

Fred Schoeneman, attorney for the Retail Food Labor Relations Council, as the new employers' combine is called, had indicated that he would prefer to have the press representatives leave the meeting, which was held at the Athens Club.

But after the labor people had made it plain that they would like to have the press present, the employers gave up, and representatives of the press remained.

EMPLOYERS' PUBLICITY

R. C. Kennedy, president of the Retail Food Labor Relations Council, had before the negotiating meeting was held, laid down a barrage of publicity in the daily press, contending that any advance in wages of the clerks would result in higher prices for food.

The food store operators, Kennedy's publicity contended, were now on the verge of going broke because of the current difficult business conditions, and any increase of wages, the publicity material contended, would mean that housewives now complaining of high prices would raise their voices to an agonized scream.

OBJECT TO WAGE TALKS

In line with this publicity, when the negotiations meeting was held Tuesday, the management representatives objected to the union's desire to discuss wage matters first, said they couldn't pay any more wages anyhow, and so felt that other proposals by management should be considered first.

The Labor Journal is not prepared with this issue to give the outline of the intricate points involved in the negotiation, but will endeavor next week to have a statement from the union on these important details.

The present contract expires September 19.

ATTENTION! Sheet Metal Workers 216

Due to a vacancy on the Executive Board there will be nomination and election of one Executive Board member at the regular meeting Wednesday night, September 1, 8 p.m.

There will be no other meeting in September, the next regular meeting being held October 6.

Yours fraternally,
JOE F. PRUSS,
President

O. T. Davis Resigns As BTC Secretary

O. T. Davis resigned as secretary of the Building Trades Council as of September 1, at the Tuesday night meeting of that organization, citing "pressing personal reasons."

Don Witt was placed in nomination to succeed him. Further nominations and the election will be held at the next meeting.

Davis came here from Toledo, Ohio, in 1939, and transferred into Steamfitters Local 342. He has served as vice-president, business agent, and financial secretary and business agent of that local.

His friends wish him success in the D. & H. Piping and Welding Service, 1313 - 66th street, Emeryville, which he has recently opened.

Longshoremen Call Another Stop-Work

CIO Longshoremen in the Bay Area called a stop-work meeting this week for the second time recently, shutting down operations at 6 p.m. Tuesday for a 24-hour period.

Similar stop-work meetings were called all along the Pacific Coast. Employers claimed some 40 vessels in the Bay Area were affected.

The union at its meetings heard reports on a recent caucus of union representatives at which it was urged that the employers' offer of five cents an hour be turned down, and that the union boycott the proposed NLRB election on this offer.

The NLRB recently held Pacific Coast hiring halls illegal, and Harry Bridges and other leaders announced that a strike September 2, when the T-H injunction ends, is inevitable.

Labor Day Starts the Campaign

President Truman Is Making 6 Speeches Then; GOP Slogan: "After Labor Day to Election Day!" Unions Are Taking Action All Over the Country

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The 1948 election campaign will get under way in earnest on Labor Day. That became clear last week, as President Truman scheduled a whirlwind trip through Michigan industrial centers on September 6, with six formal Labor Day rallies scheduled.

Another center of attention will be Akron, Ohio where AFL President William Green and Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin will address the rally of the Summit County Trades and Labor Assembly at Summit Beach Park.

CIO President Philip Murray will address two Labor Day celebrations, one at Wheeling, W. Va. and the other across the Ohio River at Steubenville, Ohio.

Republican speakers apparently will be few and far between at Labor's rallies this year, as the results of the Taft-Hartley law reach deeper into U. S. unions. GOP presidential candidate Thomas Dewey isn't starting his speaking engagements until mid-September, and so far nothing is scheduled for vice-presidential aspirant Earl Warren by the Republican National Committee.

The S. F. Chronicle says that the electioneering slogan at GOP headquarters is "After Labor Day to Election Day!"

E. C. Behrens, political editor of the Chronicle, and himself a valiant Republican, announces that "Republican Presidential campaign touring by nominees Thomas E. Dewey and Earl Warren probably will start between September 13-15."

Republicans from the 11 Western States will meet in Santa Barbara September 17-19 in a conference called by Ezra White of Idaho, vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Other items on political developments, especially as they affect organized labor, will be found below.

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Stage Employes' Union Is Told Voting Is Essential

CLEVELAND (LAP)—A strong emphasis on the need for political action marked the 39th biennial convention of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Motion Picture Aperators-AFL last week.

AFL President William Green told delegates that "if you want security and progress and a better America for yourself any your children, do not neglect to vote."

The 1100 IATSE delegates heard a bitter assault by the AFL head on the 80th Congress. The only people who can benefit by the failure of this last Congress, Green declared, are Stalin and his Kremlin colleagues. The Soviet Union is "counting upon a crash in America to destroy our efforts to prevent the spread of Communist imperialism and to preserve world peace," Green asserted. "They know they cannot contest a strong America, so they are confidently awaiting for us to ride the boom to ruin."

The international problems of the

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Taxpayers Must Pay Bills by August 1 Or Suffer Penalty

County Govt. Release

Approximately fifteen thousand taxpayers to whom bills have been mailed have not yet paid their unsecured personal property taxes and should do so by August 31 to avoid an eight percent penalty, according to County Tax Collector Edwin Meese, Jr.

More than forty-five thousand bills have been mailed by the Personal Property Division under supervision of its Chief, James Cogorno, and collections to date amount to $2,758,462, Meese states.

Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939 Win In 90 Yards, Mills

Business Representative W. W. Paterson of Clerks and Lumber Handlers Local 939 announces that union shop agreements have been signed with 60 lumber yards and mills through the Lumber Dealers Association, and 30 agreements with independent dealers and mill operators.

Local 939 has completed union shop elections under the Taft-Hartley Law as required in order to have union shop clauses in the contract.

389 TO 23 FOR UNION

The association group of 60 yards and mills, with 429 eligible voters, balloted as follows: 389 for union shop, 23 against, 7 spoiled ballots, 10 ballots challenged by NLRB, and 7 not voting on account of vacations or sickness.

"Men in the 30 independent yards," Paterson says, "were all for the union shop agreement with the exception of the Gordon McBeath Hardwood Co., 2546 San Pablo avenue, Berkeley, where we had four supposedly good union men who didn't want the union to represent them."

The new agreement, effective July 1, 1948, provides for an increase in wages of 12½ cents per hour, also four paid holidays, July 4, Labor Day, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

VACATION CLAUSE

Better provisions for vacations are included: 1 week after 1400 hours; 1 week with 4 days pay after 1120 hours; 1 week with 3 days pay after 840 hours; and 2 weeks after 5 years.

Paterson pointed out that all the above depended on a successful NLRB election, "and if and when it is possible to repeal the T-H Law, we can revert to the closed shop of our 1947 agreement."

All Scale Plants Are Organized by Machinists' Union

The Central Labor Council was notified Monday night that "all scale shops within the local area are organized under District Lodge 115, International Association of Machinists, namely: Acme Scales Co., 564 12th street; Hobart Scale Co., 334 12th street; and The Pitchers, 300 12th street."

Notification was given by M. E. Thompson, senior business representative, District Lodge 115, and M. N. Irwin, business agent of Lodge 284.

Thompson and Irwin added:

"There have been several cases where Scale Companies from outside the area have performed repair work in this area at below area rates, therefore, we request that all Scale Companies in the East Bay area not displaying the Union Shop Card be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list.

"Further, we would request the membership of affiliated locals of the Council to demand evidence of a Union Card from anyone doing scale repair work in their shop or plant."

Flynn Thinks 'Ideological Neurotics' Fighting Him Are Not Quite Hitlers

Tim Flynn, the Northern California CIO director who replaced Harry Bridges in that post, has come out with a sarcastic crack at the San Francisco rebel CIO Council which still goes along with Bridges' policies.

Say Flynn:

"In Hitler's Germany people were considered guilty before a trial and sometimes without a trial at all. The same is true of Stalin's Soviet Russia. I'm glad to see the anti-CIO policy council in San Francisco is at least making an investigation after it has made a charge."

WILL INVESTIGATE ITSELF

Flynn was referring to the decision of the S. F. rebel Council to investigate its own charges, filed several weeks earlier with CIO President Philip Murray, that the Associated Catholic Trade Unionists were working hand-in-glove with Flynn to undermine the CIO policies in California.

But James Kearney, non-Bridges or anti-Bridges, whichever it is, president of Longshore Local 10, moved that the charges made by the Council be investigated. Kearney is a member of the ACTU, and denied that that organization was engaged in a program of "red-baiting and union-wrecking."

Dick Lynden of Warehouse 6, a Bridges man, and president of the S. F. rebel Council, backed Kearney's demand for an investigation of the charges, and it was after the S. F. rebel Council had voted for it, that Flynn made his comment on the S. F. rebel Council being a bit better than Hitler in its method of procedure.

The California edition of the national CIO News reported the whole story.

"IDEOLOGICAL NEUROTICS"

Flynn said he had never had any association with the ACTU at all, knew nothing of the ACTU's program in San Francisco, nor had he ever attended any meetings of ACTU. Moreover, Flynn, said, he had never been questioned by Lynden or any other Council officer before they attempted to connect him with ACTU.

That charge and all other council charges, Flynn said, were untrue and "the ravings of ideological neurotics."

However, Flynn said, he had no objection whatever to union members affiliating with any religious trade union group providing, he said, "that such an organization is not set up for the purpose of trying to control our unions."

Typos Call on All Labor Groups For Fight Against T-H

MILWAUKEE (LPA)—A fighting program to protect the union from all Taft-Hartley assaults was formulated at the 90th regular convention of the International Typographical Union here last week.

Delegates voted to battle to the bitter end—through the highest courts—against all efforts of newspaper publishers, printing industry owners and Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, to wrap the Taft-Hartley straightjacket around the "typos."

Also, they adopted a resolution denouncing Denham's war on the ITU, as "biased and unfair" and demanded his removal. Denham was accused of "an unethical attitude and actions" and of "obvious prejudices" against the union.

UNITED FRONT URGED

Another resolution adopted overwhelmingly urged the formation of a joint national emergency council of all labor groups—AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and independent unions—to fight the Taft-Hartley Act on every front. Delegates recommended that an emergency congress of all labor be called in Washington to set up such a council.

The same resolution called for united action by all "labor organizations and friendly groups" to defeat members of Congress who voted for the Taft-Hartley Act. Labor's experiences with that act during the past year were described as "clearly establishing the Taft-Hartley law as an instrument to disrupt and destroy unions."

At the same time, the convention rejected a proposal that officers of the ITU be required to sign the Taft-Hartley "non-Communist" affidavits. President Woodruff Randolph and others opposed the proposal on the ground that the union should have no traffic with the T-H act.

"COLLECTIVE BEGGING"

"If you accept the government's protection you accept the burdens of the law," Randolph said. "The benefits are non-existent, but the burdens are heavy indeed."

The "typos," he added, do not want to substitute "collective begging for collective bargaining. We do not have to beg for the right to organize and bargain collectively now any more than we had to beg for that during the last 100 years," he declared.

Vehemently, the convention denounced Senator Robert Taft (R., Ohio) for his action in calling NLRB officials to a secret conference at his office and demanding that they institute contempt proceedings against the ITU.

TRUMAN PLEDGES PROBE

Taft summoned the officials "on the carpet" at the demand of Chicago newspaper magnates. Publisher John S. Knight of the Chicago Daily News and representatives of other Chicago dailies were at Taft's side while the extraordinary session was under way in the Senator's office.

Up in arms over that action, the convention urged President Truman to have an investigation made of what the union described as "an unwarranted invasion by a member of the legislative branch of the government into the affairs of the executive branch with the express purpose of influencing the judiciary."

Truman wired the convention that he would "thoroughly and immediately" investigate ITU's charge that Taft had intervened with NLRB officials against the union. GOP Candidate Dewey has been asked to disavow this action of his party's Senate leader.

"CALL UPON DEWEY"

"Bitter resentment" was voiced over Taft's attempt "to bludgeon NLRB attorneys into seeking a contempt citation in a case which is now in the hands of a Federal court, thus violating all principles of fair play and decency."

"We call upon the President of the United States to investigate this matter and take suitable action o preven a recurrence of unwarraned interference in the duties of the administrative branch by the members of the legislative branch," the resolution added. "We also call upon Governor Dewey, the Republican nominee for President, to disavow

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Draft Registering Begins on Monday

Men between 19 and 25 years of age begin registering for the draft in this area Monday.

The daily press is publishing the dates on which the various age classes register, and the place to register.

Alameda county is expected to supply some 49,000 registrants, and the draft boards at Richmond and Martinez in Contra Costa county another 18,400.

Molders President Dies While Abroad

Harry Stevenson, 69, of Cincinnati, president of the AFL Molders and Foundry Workers' Union, died in England Tuesday, according to press dispatches.

School Board Slaps Down Labor

Central Labor Council Request That Education System Have at Least One Labor-Known Man as Advisor Ignored; Usual Business Man Appointed

(News plus Comment)

The Oakland Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday afternoon slapped down organized labor, and ignored the request of the Central Labor Council that the educational system have at least one official advisor acquainted with the labor unions, whose members supply a vast proportion of the children in the public schools.

The Central Labor Council

Monday night had endorsed Arthur H. Triggs, long a member of the Typographical Union and widely known in club, lodge, and other circles interested in the advancement of young people's training.

Before that, shortly after the death a week ago Tuesday of Joseph C. Laney, Oakland Board of



ARTHUR H. TRIGGS

Education member, William P. Fee, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, had notified the Education Board that organized labor would make an endorsement of a qualified man, and requested that no action be taken until this man was considered.

BOARD RUSHES ACTION

However, even before the board met Tuesday, only one week after the death of Laney, an early edition of the Post Enquirer carried the announcement that the board intended to appoint Otto H. Hieb, manager of the Edison dictating machine agency in Oakland.

Without in any way casting any reflection on Mr. Hieb personally, it thus became plain to organized labor that the Board of Education as at present constituted plans to go right ahead holding the educational system under the control of a self-perpetuating board of business people either unacquainted with organized labor or definitely opposed to it.

Not long ago The Labor Journal exposed the action of the School Board in suppressing news of the suggestions made by the AFL Teachers Union, and featuring suggestions made by the company union favored obviously by this board of management-minded people.

STRATEGY IS OBVIOUS

The strategy iof the self-perpetuating board has long been recognized by organized labor. It is this: the board always tries to see to it that men run as incumbents, and thereby gain an advantage with the voters.

Mr. Hieb when the next election comes around will be an incumbent and have that advantage.

The management hierarchy approved by the school machine dictators—and we may mention the fact that Mr. Hieb very appropriately is a dictating machine man—will do all in its power to continue this self-perpetuating system. But organized labor is on the alert, and will watch the future manipulations

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Three Dead Men in Key System Vote NO But Union Wins

Key System workers in operating and maintenance have voted 1676 to 34 for Carmen's Division 192 in a union shop election held under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law.

This was reported to the Central Labor Council Monday night by Delegate George Durand of Division 192.

DEAD MEN VOTE NO

Approximately 2100 were eligible to vote, Durand said. But of this number some 150 were on sick leave, and about the same number were on vacation. Also three on the eligible list determined by NLRB had died before the election was held.

Durand pointed out that while actually only 34 put in a definite NO vote, under the terms of the T-H Law, the people on vacation, the sick people, and the dead people were all counted as NO votes.

WHAT T-H LAW DOES

The Taft-Hartley Lay provides, not that a majority of those voting shall prevail, but a majority of all those eligible. This is one of the clauses of the law that has been the most criticized by organized labor, on the ground that in American elections for President and for other public offices no such restriction is made, but the majority of those voting determine the issue.

Durand spoke with some energy of the 34 unknown persons who actually put in NO votes.

"Small as was the number of such people," he said, "I can't understand where they came from or what kind of material a person is made of who votes against his union."

T-H War Waged on ITU, AFL Dockers

Two major actions against AFL unions under the Taft-Hartley Law were announced Wednesday.

One was an injunction holding up a strike of AFL longshoremen on the East Coast for 80 days.

The other was the announcement that General Counsel Robert N. Denham of the NLRB was filing with the Federal District Court in Indianapolis a formal petition that the International Typographical Union was violating a Federal Court injunction.

Jack Austin and Joe W. Chaudet, delegates from Typographical Local 36 to the recent ITU convention in Milwaukee, told The Labor Journal that at the convention it was realized that Senator Taft's urging Denham to prosecute the ITU for contempt was "an invasion of the executive branch by the legislative branch, and Senator Taft shows by this action that he is accepting orders from his masters, Bertie McCormick of the Tribune and the other big Chicago publishers. The fact that Senator Taft stepped out of the proper legislative sphere to urge this action shows that the big publishers fear the outcome of the Chicago printers strike."

President Truman's statement to the ITU was that he was "shocked" and would investigate Taft's action.

Dan Tobin Reminds Dave Beck He Can Fire Him; Says He Doesn't Want Rats

Labor Press Associates

SEATTLE (LPA) — Continuing attempts by Dave Beck, west coast leader of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL, to organize scabs behind the picket lines of the International Association of Machinists at the Boeing airplane plant have brought forth a mounting protest from AFL unionists, and very thinly veiled repudiations from the national leadership of his own union.

Last week the AFL Central Labor Union of Everett, Washington, let fly at the boss teamsters tactics. The powerful Lumber and Sawmill Workers of the Northwest, an affiliate of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters-AFL, in the same week passed three resolutions against Beck.

One bitterly attacked his herding strike breakers through the IAM picket lines.

Another asked Governor Mon Wallgren to remove him from the state university's board of regents, and the third called on President Daniel Tobin to revoke Beck's appointment as executive vice-president of the international.

LES HUNT'S LETTER

In the August issue of the International Teamster, Tobin wrote: "I want to encourage every able-bodied, honest and sincere man and woman who works at our craft to come into our union, but no rats." He reminded Back that his international office is an appointive one, and can be cancelled. (Editor's Note: The text of Tobin's statement on this will be found below.)

Lester Hunt, the teamsters' director of publicity, recently wrote a very cordial letter to IAM President Harvey Brown about the long record of cooperation between the two unions in many centers, and expressing a hope that it will continue.

BOEING CO. LOSING

The Washington Federation of Labor last month spoke out against Beck's undermining of the IAM's efforts to get a wage increase for the Boeing workers whom it has represented for 12 years. Rank-and-file members of Beck's own west coast teamster locals have been expressing their disgust by contributing to the Aero-mechanics' strike fund. Last week, too, four locals of the Retail Clerks Protective Association-AFL, with the support of their national officers, bounced pro-Beck local officials.

Meanwhile, Boeing corporation reports showed last week that the

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Nothing Personal

Our good friend Henry Simpson of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers, Local 125A ran into some tough luck while attending the convention of the International that was held in New York a week ago. Henry who is the local's Business Agent and Secretary-treasurer besides holding other titles in the Far Western Conference of the International was taken seriously ill and had to be taken to a hospital where it was found he was running an awful high temperature. Henry was forced by his illness to stay in one of Greater New York hospitals until he recuperated sufficiently to make the trip home. To date, our informant hasn't disclosed what was the cause of Henry's illness, only that he is now on the train speeding westward, a little better than a sick man and still under the weather to some extent. We hope that the trip won't be too much and that when the popular Business Agent of the Bakery Workers arrives back in Oakland he'll be fully recuperated from the ailment that hit him during the Internationals convention.

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There seems to be quite a sick roll of members of organized labor at the present time. Whether it is just the waning of summer that causes it, we wouldn't know but we understand that Jack Strelo of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546 is back home after a stretch in the hospital. Jack was the recent successful write-in candidate for the Emeryville School Board, but his greatest claim to fame is the charming Mrs. Strelo who serves as secretary to the Central Labor Council. Jack had a re-occurence of an old stomach disorder and spent better than two weeks at the Oakland Army hospital where the medicos fixed him up well enough to get back home. Jack is on the rapid road to recovery and we all wish him the best.

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The annual dinner of the Directors of the Labor Temple Association is cheduled for Friday night (tonight) at the Kona Club in El Cerrito. This is an annual affair and past editions have really been something, according to those that have attended. This year the affair is in the capable hands of Glenn McIntire and all directors on the Board can look forward to another highly successful affair. Only members who are on the board are invited to attend and though the party may be a little on the exclusive side the directors who attend to the many duties of running the Labor Temple use this one night to take care of the social instead of the business side. Many hours and nights are spent by the directors without compensation in running the Labor Temple Association and this one night is not only deserved but very much in order. We know that all will have a good time.

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To many of the old-timers that attended the Central Labor Council in years past the name of John Wolters of Oakland Typographical Union has quite a familiar ring. John has been a wheelhorse in local Typographical and printing trades affairs for many years and spent a great deal of his time at both the CLC and State Federation of Labor. John is at present in the Union Printers Home in Colorado Springs for an all round physical checkup and lots and lots of rest. John attended the 1947 ITU convention as a delegate from Oakland and while there suffered a heart attack that has had him on and off the ropes for the past year. He spent quite a while in Permanente Hospital and had returned to work only at scheduled intervals. John took off for the Printers home last month and from all reports is rapidly recovering the enthusiasm and good health that he enjoyed for so many years.

100 Steamfitters Out of Work Here

Lou Kovacevich, business representative of Steamfitters' Local 342 in his news of that local on page 2 of this issue has this paragraph:

"Again we find that employment in the building trades fluctuates. At the present time we have over 100 journeymen out of work and it looks as though an additional 50 or more men will also be out of work. However, new jobs will be starting soon and things should look bright again for the pipe trades."

Kovacevich also reports that at its last meeting the local adopted the workmen's compensation plan of the law firm of Smith and Parrish.

(Editor's Note: That is one thing which many people who discuss building trades wages habitually—and some of them deliberately—forget: building trades work even when times are "good" always involves temporary spells of unemployment. And sometimes those "temporary spells" mount up to sizeable quantities on the paycheck calendar very inconvenient for the man and wife trying to meet the bills on building trades pay.)

AFL PRESIDENT GREEN'S Labor Day address will be delivered at an outdoor mass meeting in Summit Beach Park, Akron, Ohio. The speech will be carried over a national network, time and station to be announced later.—(LPA)

Vote For No. 13 - - State Senate Reapportionment - - On November Ballot!

Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

STEAMFITTERS' NOTES, No. 342

By recommendation of the Executive Board and adopted by the membership, non-attendance excuses are to be referred to the Welfare Committee. Brother Jack Bennett, chairman of the Welfare Committee, wishes to notify the membership that excuses for non-attendance will be granted only to those members who are sick or injured.

Again we find that employment in the building trades fluctuates. At the present time we have over one hundred journeymen out of work and it looks as though an additional fifty men or more will also be out of work. However, new jobs will be starting soon and things should again look bright for the pipe trades.

At our last meeting the membership adopte dthe Workmen's Compensation Plan presented by the law firm of Smith and Parrish. This firm will now represent all members of Local Union 342 pertaining to compensation cases at a cost of $1.00 per member per year.

All members should attend our next meeting, September 2, 1948. At this meeting there will be a second nominations and election of delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention to be held at Long Beach, September 27, 1948. Ratification of the Ice Cream Agreement will also be a special order of business.

Remember the date of the meeting, September 2, 1948, at 8 p.m.

Your Business Representative,
LOU KOVACEVICH.

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

This week's activities were highlighted by the meeting of the Shop Stewards Council, and the addition to the Newspaper Committee of Hugh McCullough of Durkees and Gladys Moore of Golden State Co. All Stewards at the meeting also agreed to keep your committee supplied with news from their units so it is hoped that the news coverage in your column will become more representative.

The Stewards Council held their meeting on Wednesday, August 18, at Curtolas and the meeting was chaired by Hugh McCullough in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. Attendance was affected somewhat by vacations but most larger shops were represented by one or more Stewards.

A detailed program for the next six months was presented to the Council by their officers, Olga Fowlks, chairman; Jack Snodgrass, vice-chairman, and Cliff Andrew, secretary. The program was unanimously adopted by the Council.

The first project of the program provided for "election of working committee to study specific contract clauses such as wage scales, sick leave, vacations and holidays; such research to be used in current and future negotiations as well as information to our membership."

Initial selections for the three committees were: Wage Scales, Vera Farnsworth and Rita Summers; Sick Leave, Thelma Lingham and LeOsa Riley; and, Vacations and Holidays, Florence Clarke, Florence Hardy and Hugh McCullough.

A committee was also selected to consider possible social activities for the Union. This committee consists of Jerry Pillow, chairman; Florence Hardy, Kitty Pease, Cliff Andrew, Vera Farnsworth, Florence Clark, Myrtle Scott, Beatrice Vandeventer, Zita McComes and Hugh McCullough.

Sister Pease, Steward at Yard No. 3, reports that Sister Nettie Mae Garber has been confined to Permanente Hospital as the result of surgery. She is doing fine and has some very nice things to say about the service at the Hospital. The few members still on the job at Yard No. 3 are planning on attending the Ice Follies on Friday night. They will be joined by their wives, husbands, or boy or girl friends as the case may be, and Sister Pease promises to report on the success of the evening.

We recently mentioned the weather and vacations. Now we are happy to report that the weather has brought back a member to us. In March Betty Seabolt left Breuners to move to Kingman, Arizona, but the weather proved too hot, so Sister Seabolt is back at Breuners in Richmond and, of course, in the Local too.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Irving Manis, 704 Market St., San Francisco, has signed a Union Agreement and is employing one of our school apprentices. Irving, formerly employed by Milens in Oakland operates his own trade shop.

Do not confuse the Basinger Watch Crystal Company of 830 Market St., San Francisco with the Baer Watch Crystal Company of 830 Market Street, San Francisco. The Basinger Watch Crystal Company is strictly a Union shop whereas the Baer Company is non-Union. Any report of unethical practices originating at 830 Market Street are NOT the Basinger Watch Crystal Company. Please clarify any misunderstanding whenever and wherever possible.

The Executive Board has set Thursday, September 9th as a Special Executive Meeting to which the members who have not shown proof of their voting registration or declaration of becoming citizens must appear. If you have not complied with this section of the Local By-Laws, do so before September 9th and avoid having to appear before the Executive Board.

I have had two or three more calls for Group Insurance coverage by Class "B"—Proprietor members. We are going to make an effort to do something on this subject at the September 23rd meeting of the Union. Any proprietor member interested in Group Insurance should place a circle around September 23rd as a reminder and start talking up this subject with other proprietor members.

On Monday, August 23rd we were honored with a visit by M. B. Martin, a Watchmaker from Tacoma, Washington. Martin is a member of Local 118 and attended the International Jewelry Workers Union convention as a Delegate in May of 1947. We had an interesting discussion on conditions which he reported as being very favorable in the Tacoma area.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 held their regular social meeting on August 13, Diana Holder, Mary Nall, and Ida Leroy being hostesses and committee in charge. Games with nice prizes and delicious refreshments made the evening a grand success.. All who did not attend missed a very enjoyable evening.

Our regular business meeting will be August 27. As this will be our first regular meeting with our new officers in charge try and attend and give them a boost. We know it is vacation time but come and do your part to start the year with a bang.

A letter has been received by Theresa Michelson from daughter Helen. She wrote from the ship enroute to Germany and the letter was postmarked Dover. The girls are traveling on a former hospital ship the General Vance. Classes in German are being given the girls, also singing. A very fine group of girls are on board and are having a grand trip and looking forward to their work with enthusiasm. Good luck, girls, and a safe return home.

A postal card received, by the writer, from Sister Ann Dart indicates that She and Bro. Dart have been having a time for themselves. Anna said they had been in the famous temple in Salt Lake city and the post card was dated from Yellowstone Park. They must be having a grand trip and we will look forward to hearing about it from Anna on her return.

Aline Haake is on vacation now and they have many plans to fill up the time. If they do all the things they plan a busy time is ahead for them.

Eleanor Clapp and husband John plan a trip to Los Angeles over the Labor Day holiday. Go with hubby, Eleanor, and both have a fine time.

This brings up the matter of the executive meeting for September.

OFFICERS PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

The September executive meeting was to be at the home of Vice President Eleanor Clapp. As Eleanor will be out of town a new place of meeting will have to be arranged. Read your column in the paper for the place of meeting. It will be in the next issue.

The executive meeting will be on September 8 as arranged.

Remember your business meeting on August 27.

Remember our slogan, "Buy Union with Union Money and you Will Have More Union Money. Ask for Button and Card."

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

Mrs. Minerva Feeney assisted by Mrs. Lilly Small and Mrs. Crissy Harris entertained 16 of our members in her lovely home on August the 19. A delicious luncheon was served, followed by cards. Contributions amounted to over $5.00 Mrs. Harris donated a homemade cake.

The September business meeting will be held the first Thursday, September 2, at Mrs. George Hickox's home at 4115 Waterhouse Road, Oakland. Coming from downtown Oakland take the No. 15 bus at 13th and Washington or 13th and Broadway coming east and get off at Fruitvale Avenue and MacArthur and transfer. Get off at Lyman Road and walk one block.

The meeting will be at 11 a.m. Sandwiches, please.

One of the principal matters to be discussed is the party to be held in October at the Park Boulevard Club House. This is to be an open social and the first of a series which we hope to hold to defray expenses for entertaining delegates and visitors to the 1949 Typographical Union Convention to be held in Oakland in August of that year. We would like to have each member fill a table for cards at this October social.

Fact to remember: Candy and Glace Fruit Union Shops in San Francisco: Sees, Townsend's, Red Poppy, Alhambra, Maskey, Hoefler's, Pig'n Whistle, Purity, Wilson's, Planters Peanut; also branches in Oakland. There are others which I will mention later.

Thought this might interest you. What was the first strike in America? The first on record occurred in Philadelphia in 1786 when a group of journeymen printers walked out on their jobs to enforce a minimum wage scale of six dollars a week. (Taken from a Sunday paper.)

MABEL A. PATTERSON,
Press Correspondent

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

It was a pleasure to see so many members present at our last meeting. One new member was initiated.

Noami's birthday being in August the members surprised her with a two-tiered cake and many lovely gifts. Naomi wishes to thank each one for a grand evening and many gifts.

I didn't know we had such clever talent in our midst. The skits put on by Rosemary Padfield, Hazel Rasmussen and Jessie Houston were enjoyed by all. The social committee served sandwiches, potato chips, cake and coffee.

Our ways and means chairlady, Edna Paterson, has some "metal pot scrubs" for sale for the auxiliary. Bring some extra change next meeting and help her dispose of them.

Birthdays for September are:

5—Mary Anderson, 437 Haddon Road.

6—Frieda Vernon, 1525 Encinal Ave., Alameda.

9—Clara Grieffeth, 77 Glen Ave., Oakland.

22—Dora French, 3559 Brookdale Ave.

23—Dorothy Thrall, 526 Mather St.

25—Anastatia Reed, 4265 - 35th Ave.

I still do not have an up-to-date list of birthdays—so pardon me if I miss your birthday. Best wishes to all, anyway.

Our next meeting will be September 7—the day after Labor Day. Hope everyone enjoys the holidays.

EDNA STONE,
Recording Secretary

Foreign Sales Cut Of Films Puts AFL Folks Out of Work

The Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council have received from Roy M. Brown, president of the Hollywood AFL Film Council, the following communication:

We, the American Federation of Labor unions and guilds representing 26,000 Hollywood motion picture studio workers, want you to know that every picture made in Hollywood is produced under AFL union shop conditions and contracts. And when you have a few quarters to spend for entertainment, we hope you will spend some of them where they will help to provide work for AFL craftsmen, that is, spend them to see fine American motion pictures made in Hollywood.

A great decline in the income earned by American movies in foreign countries has caused a decrease in the production of American pictures. This has reduced drastically the employment of AFL workmen in the Hollywood studios.

While there are a few motion pictures which may be below average, there are many excellent ones which are top entertainment for the entire family. We ask you to remember that every dime paid into the boxoffice to see an American motion picture helps to employ a brother member of the AFL under shop conditions in Hollywood. And, just as important, 65 per cent of the money taken in by the movie boxoffice in your town remains in your town and helps to employ other AFL craftsmen, for the movie theatres themselves employ AFL workmen under AFL union shop conditions.

The Hollywood AFL Film Council is a responsible American Federation of Labor council of the unions and guilds in the Hollywood motion picture studios. The unions and guilds which are members of the Hollywood AFL Film Council are all affiliated with the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and the California State Federation of Labor, and the film council itself is affiliated with these AFL bodies through the California State Theatrical Federation. If at any time any Hollywood producer should start an open shop drive, please be assured you will be notified by the Hollywood AFL Film Council.

Dorothy Thrall's Friends Honor Her At Luncheon Party

One of the many friends of Dorothy Thrall acted as reported for The Labor Journal and turned in the following:

A very successful farewell party was held last Friday, August 20, at the 108 Club for one of the Labor Temple's well known and well liked persons, Dorothy Thrall. After having served her apprenticeship and journeymanship for six years, she decided to retire to that often thought of "Life of Riley"—meaning she will be a housewife to her devoted husband and daughter.

Among those who graced the luncheon table were: Annette Graham, Beth MacIntosh, Eleanor Massola, Marie Craddock, Evelyn Tanzillo, LaVora Roberts, Eileen Collins, Evelyn Marks, Thelma Rizzo, Kay Vodapitch, Dortha Ball, Joe Pritchard, Lora Onken, Eriz Riley, Rae Bellknap, Jean Shaffer, Aggie Strelo, Mrs. Pearl Scott (Dorothy's charming mother), Barbara Jewell, Verna Eliason, Ray Lewicki. Jane Amaral, Anna Higgins, Grace Fowler, Monna Lou LeVay and Astrid Babbitt sent their best wishes to Dot and regretted their inability to attend the luncheon.

Her many friends in the Labor Temple, too numerous to mention—(pardon me boys) presented her with a large black jewelled panther and an orchid corsage.

Out of the corner of one's eye could be seen one Wm. Patrick Fee, peeking around the corner every so often to observe the occasion and the expression on Dot's face.

Also observing were Paul Jones, Bill York and Glen McIntire (who just happened to drop in).

Personal Note: We all join in saying farewell, but not goodbye, Dot, for we will be looking forward to seeing you often, even though you have made your "first million" and retired.

2445 Oakland City Employes in Raise

Oakland City Manager John F. Hassler announced Tuesday that there will be wage increases of from $10 to $80 a month for 2445 civil service employes of the city.

He explained that this was a separate action from the raises voted by the City Council August 10 when second-year and third-year policemen and firemen were given $23 to $25 monthly increases and $50 to $100 raises went to department chiefs.

Under the new salary schedule raises in the lower classifications were generally $10 a month while increases up to $80 a month were shown in the $300 to $500-a-month brackets.

Fire Hazards

ST. LOUIS (LPA)—Vice President Meyer Perlstein of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL announced that at the union's initiative joint committees of labor and management representatives are starting to investigate fire hazards and unsanitary conditions in St. Louis garment factories. Employers who fail to "police up" their shops will be reported to the municipal authorities.

RESERVISTS called to active duty after June 24, 1948, effective date of the new Selective Service Act, will be entitled to full reemployment rights, Robert K. Salyers, director of the Bureau of Veterans' Reemployments Rights, announced in Washington.

Phone Workers

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The Bell system will face the combined strength of the two dominent labor organizations in the telephone field this month, now that the Communication Workers of America and the Telephone Workers Organizing Committee-CIO have announced "a cooperative effort to break the Bell system's opposition to a third round wage increase for the half-million workers employed by the company."

Attention, Sheet Metal Locals! Here's Letter From Your Union

The following letter, sent out by the office of their international union to all locals of the Sheet Metal Workers, is published especially for the benefit of members of such locals who realize that they may enlist or be inducted into the armed forces. It is supplied to The Labor Journal by Secretary George Grosser of Sheet Metal Workers Local 216, who suggests that all persons affected clip it out and keep it for reference.

July 30, 1948

TO ALL AFFILIATED
LOCAL UNIONS

Re: Special Withdrawal Card and/or Special Limited Membership for Members Inducted into the Armed Forces.

In view of the new Draft Laws, we are forwarding herewith the following instructions regarding members entering the Armed Forces:

In accordance with the provisions and intent of Article 15-A of our International Constitution, all good standing members of affiliated local unions inducted into the Armed Forces are required to report to the Financial Secretary of the Local Union of which they are members, giving full name, membership number, branch of service and exact date of induction into active service in the Armed Forces, and all such good standing members must pay membership dues at the regular established rate of the Local Union of which they are members, in the manner and under conditions specified in our International Constitution, to and including the month in which induction into active service into the Armed Forces is properly recorded, and when complying with said requirements, the good standing members involved shall file application with the Financial Secretary of the Local Union of which they are members for either a Special Withdrawal Card or for Special Limited Membership, and when all of the above mentioned requirements have been complied with, the local Financial Secretary shall file with the General Secretary-Treasurer full information regarding each individual case, with request for either Special Withdrawal Card or Special Limited Membership, in accordance with the wishes of the individual good standing member involved.

CONDITIONS REQUIRED

Special Withdrawal Cards will be granted when requested, subject to the following conditions: Membership dues must be paid at the regular rate of the Local Union in the manner and under conditions specified in our International Constitution, to and including the month in which induction into active service in the Armed Forces is properly recorded and Special Withdrawal Cards when granted shall be effective beginning with date of actual induction into active service in the Armed Forces. Beginning with the date of said Special Withdrawal card, the member involved forfeits all rights, privileges and benefits, including the right to funeral benefit, it being understood, however, that upon presentation to the General Secretary-Treasurer of a certificate of Honorable Discharge from the Armed Forces, or a photostat print thereof, the holder of a Special Withdrawal Card who desires, and is qualified to return to work at the trade, may be reinstated without payment of reinstatement fee, provided he shall file said photostat print of Honorable Discharge with the General Secretary-Treasurer or with his Local Union within three months of actual date of said Honorable Discharge, and pay membership dues at the regular established rate of the Local Union, beginning with the month subsequent to the month recorded on certificate of Honorable Discharge from the Armed Forces. When all said requirements of reinstatement by Special Withdrawal Card have been complied with, the record of continuous good standing previously established, to and including month of actual induction into active service in the Armed Forces, and forfeited by the granting of Special Withdrawal Card, may be restored, but without credit for period of induction, during which said Special Withdrawal Card was effective, subject thereafter to compliance with the provisions and intent of our International Constitution regarding payment of membership dues in the manner and under conditions specified therein.

LIMITED MEMBERSHIP

Special Limited Membership when requested may be granted, subject to the following conditions: Membership dues must be paid at the regular established rate of the Local Union, to and including the month of actual induction into active service in the Armed Forces, and thereafter Special Limited Membership dues must be paid at the rate of $1.00 per month, quarterly in advance, and properly recorded on official receipts within the three month limit and in the manner and under conditions specified in our International Constitution, during period of induction, and when discharged from the Armed Forces, the member involved must file with the General Secretary-Treasurer, or through his local union, an official certificate of Honorable Discharge from the Armed Forces, or a photostat print thereof, within three months of actual date of said Honorable Discharge, and pay membership dues at the regular established rate of the Local Union, beginning with the month immediately following the month in which said Honorable Discharge was actually issued. When all of said requirements have been complied with, the member involved may be recorded reinstated to full membership without payment of reinstatement fee and with full credit for continuous good standing established to and including actual date of induction into active service into the Armed Forces, plu continuous good standing thereafter established under Special Limited Membership during period of active service in the Armed Forces, subject thereafter beginning with the date of reinstatement to full membership, to compliance with the provisions and intent of our International Constitution regarding payment of regular membership dues in the manner and under conditions specified therein.

In order to insure complete and accurate information for current and future reference, all individual members inducted into active service in the Armed Forces and Local Union officers are obligated and required to be governed by the rules and regulations specified herein, and by such additional specific instructions as may be subsequently issued from this office in connection with the proper adjustment of individual cases.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) L. M. WICKLEIN,
General Secretary-Treasurer

Rent Boosts Asked On 4330 Dwellings

U. S. Govt. Release

Increased rents for 4330 dwelling units in Alameda County have been applied for by landlords during the last two months, Area Rent Director Hubert J. Barnes announced.

The increases were requested under the grounds for individual adjustments—of which there are 13—in the rent regulations. These include major capital improvement, increase in services or equipment, increased occupancy, inequitable rents, decrease in net revenue, and operating at a loss.

Of the 4330 cases filed, 4081 disposed of during the same period, of which 3019 were granted and 1062 were denied. The approvals represented 74 per cent of the total number acted on.

Barnes pointed out that the law does not allow for any automatic increase in rents. Landlords who believe they qualify for a rent increase on one or more of the adjustments grounds should file their petitions with the Area Rent Office.

To date, petitions for increases in rents have been received on 20,474 dwelling units in Alameda County. Of these, 15,700 have been granted, 4,445 have been denied, and 249 are still pending.

Unionists in KLX Forum August 30th

August 30 at 8:15 p.m. on KLX there will be an open forum discussion of rights and benefits of disability insurance. This is one of a series of 12 such discussions to be presented by the public agencies handling disability insurance.

Those participating in the August 30 program will be J. C. Reynolds, business representative of the Building Trades Council; Irene Kwas, representing the CIO Council; Frank Shoemaker and Bill Ladd of the Government agencies.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE excise tax revenues of $1,307,356.41 resulting from June distributions exceeded the June, 1947, revenues by 17.4 percent, according to James H. Quinn, Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization.

Shop Stewards of Office Union Meet

In the report of Office Employes Local 29 on page two of this issue of The Labor Journal, there is an account of the meeting of the Shop Stewards' Council of that union.

A detailed program for the next six months was presented to the Stewards' Council by their officers and unanimously adopted.

The first project of the program provides for "election of working committees to study specific contract clauses such as wage scales, sick leave, vacations and holidays; such research to be used in current and future negotiations as well as for information to our membership."

Chewing Gum!

CUMBERLAND, Md. (LPA) — This city's radio station has been deluged with phone inquiries as to whether or not it endorses the views expressed in the Bromo Seltzer and chewing gum commercials which it airs.

The phenomenon had station executives scratching their heads, until they remembered that someone had told announcers reading spot announcements paid for by Local 1874 of the Textile Workers Union-CIO to add the tag-line, "This announcement was paid for by the Textile Workers Union, and the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the station."

The union-financed spot announcements told the time and place of the union-authorization election held here last week by the National Labor Relations Board in which the union received the votes of more than 95% of the 8044 eligible voters in the Celanese Corporation plant.

BREWERY WORKERS, both AFL and CIO, are agreed politically on at least one issue as far as the November elections are concerned. To the last man they'll oppose Claude A. Watson, of Los Angeles, who made a union-baiting speech attacking "domination" by labor unions. Oh, yes, Watson also happens to be the presidential candidate for the Prohibition Party.—(LPA)

'Signing SB 1493 Disqualifies Governor Earl Warren from Being Regarded as a Friend of Labor'--Fed Secy. C. J. Haggerty

Scarcely had labor regained its composure from the adoption of the Taft-Hartley Bill when another severe blow was received by the organized labor movement in California with the signing by Governor Warren of SB 1493, the socalled "jurisdictional strike bill." A delegation of trade unionists, including myself, visited the Governor to impress upon him as forcibly as possible how this measure would do untold injury to the labor movement in California. In spite of our representation, and without comment, the Governor affixed his signature to a measure which, in our opinion, is a vicious one, and which will have precedence in California, as provided in the Taft-Hartley Bill, wherever State laws exist restricting the rights of labor more stringently than its own provisions . . . Thus, this legislation can be used to deprive over a million workers of the right of any initiative steps to collective bargaining through organizational activities . . . The signing of SB 1493 disqualifies Governor Earl Warren from being regarded as a friend of labor." —State Federation Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Haggerty in The East Bay Labor Journal July 18, 1947.

5000 Imported Cotton Pickers Faced by AFL Farm Labor Union

(The following revelation of a double-crossing of the AFL National Farm Labor Union by the flooding of cotton fields with thousands of imported cotton pickers through a State Government-endorsed move by the big growers appears today in the Fresno Labor Citizen, and is published simultaneously in The East Bay Labor Journal through the courtesy of Hap Haggard, editor of the Fresno paper.)

Federal immigration officials said Monday the government has authorized entry of 5,000 Mexican cotton pickers into the San Joaquin Valley and the National Farm Labor Union filed strong protests, citing adequate manpower.

Amid repeated assurances from Edward F. Hayes, chief of the state's farm placement bureau, that ample harvest labor is available, Director I. F. Wixon disclosed in San Francisco the immigration bureau has approved a state-endorsed request for Mexican workers.

Hank Hasiwar, NFLU organizer, called the move a "deliberate attempt" by the Associated Farmers to create an over-supply of harvest labor, keep wages down and head off unionization.

News of the move to import Mexican nationals has not been made public. However, it has been mentioned in "news letters" from the bureau to its members—one of whom became too talkative in a San Francisco bar.

The unwitting informant made it plain the Mexican nationals will be used to combat organization of the valley's field workers.

Although the immigration bureau authorized 1,200 Mexicans each in Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties, and 200 for Madera County, they all will be assigned to Fresno County and used as a "mobile force"—for utilization where the need arises.

They can be sent under contract to any grower who will take them, Hasiwar said, whether needed or not. No further authorization is needed from the government, he noted, nor is the authority to import them to be used merely as an "insurance policy" against labor shortages.

Authorization to import the 5,000 Mexicans was granted the Agricultural Labor Bureau early in August, which a short time later announced a "survey" would be taken to determine whether or not aliens will be needed in the cotton harvest.

Although the purported survey is not yet complete, Hasiwar noted pointedly that "the result must have been written in advance."

Chew to Write For 6000 Chinese Here

Eddie Chew has been appointed Oakland area representative of the America's only English language Chinese newspaper, the Chinese Press, it was announced this week by Publisher Charles Leong.

Chew is a member of the executive board of Oakland Local B-82 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Moving Picture Machine Operators. Special articles by him have appeared in The Labor Journal.

6000 CHINESE HERE

The Chinese Press is published at 837 Stockton street, San Francisco. There are now nearly 6000 Chinese residents in the Oakland area, Publisher Leong says in his announcement.

Leong added:

"Chew has opened offices at 560 22nd Street, Oakland to serve the editorial needs of the growing Chinese community and population in the entire East Bay sector. The telephone number is TWinoaks 3-2689.

POPULAR COLUMNIST

"Since his graduation from Oakland's Technical High School, Chew's news coverage, especially in the field of entertainment, has been familiar to thousands of East Bay readers. His popular columns "Curtain Going Up," "Dressing Room Chatter" and "Behind The Mike" have been published in many of the Bay Area's leading publications.

"Listeners on the air-lanes have heard many of the programs produced and written by Chew, such as "A Nation Sings," "Studio Review" and the Ingrid Bergman Treasury Show.

"The Chinese Press, published in neighboring San Francisco, is the community newspaper for all Chinese residents on the Pacific Coast, and recently has been endorsed by several of Oakland's Chinese organizations."

Musicians to Give Labor Day Concert

Al Morris of Musicians Local 6 announces that the union will sponsor a Labor Day concert by the Oakland Municipal band at Lakeside Park Monday, September 6, at 2:30 p.m.

Some distinguished speaker may, it is anticipated, add to the program.

The sponsorship is made possible by the Record and Transcription Fund set up by the American Federation of Musicians at the suggestion of President Petrillo.

Ship Workers

CAMDEN (LPA)—More than 28,000 workers in nine east coast shipyards reversed a previous decision by voting to accept a flat 7c wage increase from Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Four of the seven locals agreed to accept a 9½c wage package after being advised by their international, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers-CIO to reconsider the steel company's offer which they had rejected July 26.

America today may well be compared to an International Fire Department which must be ready to extinguish an impending world-wide conflagration—The AFL Fire Fighter.

Business ever initiated a legislative program of benefits for the workers?—Charles Luckman.

Man Who Preceded Suffridge as Sec'y Of Clerks is Dead

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Clarence C. Coulter, secretary emeritus of the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL, with headquarters in this city, died August 19, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, here, after an extended illness.

A well-known figure in the American Federation of Labor and the American labor movement in general for a half century, Coulter was born June 4, 1882 in Venango County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of William Henry and Sarah J. (Brown) Coulter.

A KNIGHT OF LABOR

In 1898 he became identified with the Knights of Labor (forerunner of the American Federation of Labor), and held a membership in that organization until he became affiliated with the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL, in 1901, through its subordinate Local Union 262, Washington, D. C.

Within the first five years after joining Local 262, Coulter held every office within the gift of that Local Union, and the last ten years of his activity in Washington were spent in the capacity of business agent for the organization.

In addition to his duties as a local union officer, Coulter served as a delegate to the Central Labor Union, of Washington, and held the offices of vice-president and financial secretary, respectively, of that body. From 1915 to 1925 he was a vice-president of the R. C. I. A. and served on the general executive board of the Maryland State and District of Columbia Federation of Labor.

SUCCEEDED BY SUFFRIDGE

Coulter's eastern activities were ended with his election as president of the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL, in 1925. He served in that office for a year before filling the vacancy created by the death of International Secretary-Treasurer H. J. Conway. He continued in that office (by a general referendum participated in by the rank and file membership) until illness forced him to relinquish his active duties.

He became secretary emeritus of the R. C. I. A. March 24, 1947 at which time he was succeeded by James A. Suffridge, of Oakland, California, then president of the International Association. Vernon A. Housewright, of Lafayette, was advanced from a vice-presidency to president.

USF Announces Its Labor-Management School for Autumn

The fall session of the University of San Francisco's Labor-Management School opens October 4.

Registration for the 10-week course will be on September 24 and 25.

Among the courses to be offered are industrial ethics, California labor law, the Taft-Hartley law, moral principles of industrial peace, economics, parliamentary practice, public speaking, debating and English.

For the school's bulletin, write to Labor-Management School, University of San Francisco, San Francisco 17.

The age of childhood and of youth is the age when you see things in detail.—Charles W. Barron.

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JUNIOR CARPENTERS—These kids are having a wonderful time on the "big chute at Union Park in Burlington, Iowa. Scene is the picnic of the Brotherhood of Carpenters-AFL.—(LPA)

Priest Tells Harry Bridges Why He's Called Commie-Controlled

The Monitor, official paper of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco, publishes the following:

The following exchange of correspondence between Harry Bridges and Father Charles Owen Rice, director of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, should interest everyone on the Pacific Coast. The letters appeared originally in the Pittsburgh Catholic.

It seems that Father Rice published a booklet entitled "How to Decontrol Your Union of Communists."

Listed among the Communist-controlled unions was Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Discovering this, Mr. Bridges wrote Father Rice as follows:

"Reverend Father Charles
Owen Rice
"St. Joseph's House of
Hospitality
"Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
"Dear Father Rice:

"I am writing you with respect to your handbook of instructions to members of the A. C. T. U. entitled 'How to Decontrol Your Union of Communists.'

"In this handbook I notice on the back page that you state: "If your union is one of these listed below—your local union is in the hands of Communists'.

"Below that statement is a list of unions and the ILWU is included in that list.

"I would appreciate a statement from you giving your reasons why you list the ILWU as a Communist controlled union.

"If you wish, I will make your reply available to our membership.

"I hope you will in all fairness comply with this request.

"Very truly yours,
"Harry Bridges,
president."

FATHER RICE REPLIED:

"July 22, 1948

"Mr. Harry Bridges
"International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union
"150 Golden Gate Avenue
"San Francisco 2, California.

"Dr. Mr. Bridges:

"I have received your letter of July 17. You asked me why I listed the ILWU as a Communist controlled union.

"My chief reason for listing the ILWU as a Communist union is that you control it.

"The record of yourself and your international union has been one of consistent support of the Communist party lines.

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"Let me give you an example or two: I remember talking to you at the 1940 CIO convention in Atlantic City. At that time you were isolationist and anti-war.

"You supported strikers at North American Aviation and so on. You made no secret of your views, but you shouted them from the house top. It was an imperialist war, you told me that day, and you said it was wrong.

"In June 21, 1941, Hitler invaded Russia. That changed the war for you and it became a democratic, a people's war. You were so enthusiastic for the war when it was Russia's war that you cooperated with the bosses.

"You promoted a no-strike pledge and you even went so far as to suggest that the no-strike pledge be continued after the war, because at the time you and Browder and Pressman and others believed that Russia woud want a decadeof peace and amity with the United States.

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"I also remember that during the war you were so opposed to strikes and so careless of the true interests of the working man that you instructed your people to do the work of the strikers in a Montgomery Ward warehouse—the short ugly word that describes this is the word 'scab.'

"With the end of the war when the Communist Party line changed, you changed. You became aggressive again. You forced the no-strike pledge.

"You turned on 'our glorious allies' and you discovered once again that there was such a place as Wall Street and you dusted off the old word 'Imperialist.'

"You have followed the Communists in their third party adventure. This alone would not make you Communist controlled.

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"None of these things alone would make you a Communist or a Communist fellow-traveler. But taken all together as a pattern—they spell 'Communist controlled.'

"The Communist controlled unions of the CIO today are bucking Philip Murray and the vast majority of CIO members in the CIO's policy of no labor-splitting, third party wild goose chase in '48.

"You and your ideological colleagues are trying to defeat progressives who aspire to the halls of Congress or the Senate if these progressives will not pledge themselves to support pro-Communist foreign policy.

"You and the others have opposed the Marshall Plan; you have opposed the admittance of displaced persons who seek a haven in this country.

"Finally, if I knew of one single instance in which you opposed or even failed to support enthusiastically a Communist party line policy I would hesitate to say that you and your union are Communist controlled.

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"I regret that you are so controlled, because if you were not you could perform a service for the working men and women of America that they badly need.

"But as matters stand I am afraid that for all your labors, you have done the workers of America more harm than good.

"You may make this reply public or you may make it available to your members if you so desire.

"Sincerely yours,
"Rev. Charles Owen Rice."

Appeal to Register Is Sent Out by AFL Educational League

The following, addressed "To All Local Unions in Bay Area," has been sent out by Robert S. Ash as secretary of the AFL Educational League of Alameda County:

The latest report shows that the registration in Alameda County is down about 150,000. We have every reason to believe that the majority of these who are not eligible to vote are members of our Unions. Without a doubt, these 150,000 people—unregistered citizens—are those upon whom we must depend at our November General Election.

As you know, on November 2nd, we will not only elect a President, member of the House of Representatives, and a member of the State Legislature, but we will vote on several State measures. Of extreme importance to us in the Labor Movement are:

(1) The **passage** of the SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURE.

(2) The **passage** of HOUSING MEASURES.

(3) The **defeat** of LOCAL OPTION.

We cannot expect to win this election if our people remain unregistered. It is imperative that we register everyone of our members. It is the duty of Business Representatives and officers of Unions to see that this job is done. Arrangements have been made for the deputizing of registrars of voters, and we suggest that the office secretary and one or more of your Business Representatives deputize themselves in order that these voters may be eligible to vote. Will you kindly notify us as to whom your Union designates to be registrars of voters so that we may make the necessary arrangements to have them deputized.

Please consider this a special appeal, and take care of this matter as soon as possible.

Foundry Owners Sue Member Who Busted Their Closed Shop

The Shipping Register

Unusual in labor litigation is the case of the Delta Star Electric Co., in a Chicago firm now being sued by the Chicago Foundrymen's Association.

The association has 41 member firms of foundry companies. Recently the AFL Molders' Union struck for a higher wage and the association members refused to go beyond a 10c an hour increase.

Delta Star Electric broke away and settled with the union for 13c, cracking the united front on negotiations. Now the association is suing the Delta firm for $301,000 in damages.

The allegation is that Delta violated a closed shop agreement among the companies and hence weakened their bargaining position.

PENSIONS FOR LEGISLATORS are legal, the State Supreme Court has ruled.

Typos Call on All Labor Groups for Fight on T-H

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the high-handed methods of Senator Taft."

"NAM WITCH-HUNTING"

The convention, among other things also:

Went on record for a united labor movement.

Voted an increase in union pension rates for retired members from $14 to $15 a week.

Established job protection for apprentices drafted in wartime.

Rejected a resolution which would have narrowed ITU jurisdiction and excluded "varitype" operators from membership.

Denounced "government witch-hunting committees, inspired by the National Association of Manufacturers."

COMPETITION FOR PUBLISHERs

Randolph pointed out that the past year has demonstrated that the union can support large numbers of its members who are on strike for long periods of time. Now, he said, the union "can supply an unfair employer with enough competition of various kinds to make his unfair operation much less profitable than he calculated when he dispensed with our members."

"That does not necessarily mean that we will start a newspaper in every jurisdiction where we have a strike or lockout, but it does mean that we can supply the mechanical equipment and the mechanical know-how for the operation of another newspaper where other business men would like to enter the field."

He added that "the practice of one newspaper arrogantly dominating an entire city's news, and too often its radio also, is a practice which can be somewhat corrected if other investors can be shown the way."

An extensive educational publicity campaign, using radio and movies as well as the pages of the daily papers to present the union's case, is "urgently needed," the ITU president said.

School Board Slaps Down Labor

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of the board with great interest—and give it ample publicity.

TRIGGS A VETERAN

Triggs is 42. He has been a member of Oakland Typographical Local 36 for 11 years, serving a time as vice-president and chairman of the executive committee; as a delegate to the California State Federation of Labor convention; was elected a delegate to the International Typographical Union convention in 1943.

Triggs volunteered for the Armed Forces in World War II and served three years as Chief Machinist's Mate; he is a member of Industrial Post No. 1010, Veterans of Foreign Wars; he spent a year in South Pacific.

ACTIVE IN CLUB WORK

He is a former officer of Jefferson School Dads Club; member of Fremont High School Dads Club where his son, Edward, 18, graduated in June, and daughter, Bonnie Lee, 17, is starting Senior year. Both are preparing to be school teachers.

He was president 20-30 Club No. 63, in 1937; Deputy District Governor and Lieutenant-Governor for Northern California District of 20-30 Clubs.

Eight years he has worked with Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, serving as chairman of Committee for Cub Pack No. 26, in East Oakland.

HEADS MASTERS, WARDENS

He is a member of Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots; past master Bay View Lodge No. 401, F. & A. M., and now president of the East Bay Masters and Wardens Association.

He lives at 2205 Rosedale Ave., Oakland 1, owning his home, with wife, Emily, and two children, Bonnie and Edward.

His occupation is that of Sales Engineer, Oakland National Engraving and Gravure Co., 307 Tenth Street, Oakland 7.

Sales Tax Without Reapportionment is Unfair, Says Editor

East Oakland Times

If you are interested in the revenue derived from the California sales tax of 2½ cents and it relation to the present need for a re-apportionment of the state senate, consider the following:

Collections for the last three months of 1947; $75,989,000. For Los Angeles County for the same period, $24,085,875, which is one third of the total for the whole state.

For San Francisco City and County, same period $9,172,000.

For Alameda County, same period, $6,439,925.

If you care to add that up, the three counties of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Alameda, paid in $39,597,300. On the basis of fourth quarter total of $75,989,000, it means that these three counties alone paid in 8 fifteenths, or more than one half of the sales tax revenue. Yet each of these counties has one senator, or a total of three out out of 40.

If this it not taxation without representation, then the founding fathers who threw tea into Boston Harbor, knew nothing about the matter.

Bosses Learn!

DALLAS, Tex. (LPA)—Even anti-union employers can learn. That's the moral of a story that has come out of Dallas, and which is going to be told all around the world by the "Voice of America" broadcasts.

A few months ago the superintendent of a large office building was unwilling to use union labor for the installation of an air-conditioning system. The Dallas Building and Construction Trades Council-AFL put the job on its unfair list.

Work bogged down, non-union men could be secured in only a few of the many skills needed. The owners caught on, fired the superintendent and notified the Council that they wanted the job to be all-union.

Labor Day Starts the Campaign

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motion picture industry were taken up by Tom O'Brien, member of Parliament and general secretary of the British National Association of Theatrical Employes.

O'Brien also touched upon the condition of American labor under the Taft-Harley act and reported that "we too had our Taft-Hartley laws in England. And I would say that if it were not for the fact that we have a Labor government, we would be suffering as you are suffering today."

In reports to the convention, Richard F. Walsh, IA president, discussed the union's problems in the field of television and in the Hollywood motion picture studios.

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AFL Political League Is Spreading Battle Lines

WASHINGTON (LPA)—As November comes ever closer, Labor's League for Political Education—the AFL's political arm—and Railway Labor's Political League—which generally works with it—are extending their battle lines into every state in the union. Their goal is the defeat of the Taft-Hartleyites and the election of a progressive Congress..

Labor endorsements in New York state have been received by a number of Democratic Congressmen and two Republicans.

In Washington Henry M. Jackson (Democrat) who has maintained a consistently progressive record throughout four terms in Congress has the support of all branches of the labor movement.

Unanimous support has also been given to John Murdock (D.) in Arizona, and Walter R. Granger (D.) in Utah, two more veteran pro-labor Congressmen. Two Georgia candidates who have won the support of the unions are Helen Douglas Mankin and Henderson L. Hanham, one of the few southerners opposing Taft-Hartley.

In Ohio's First District, Cincinnati, a United Labor Committee of AFL, CIO, railroad brotherhood and unaffiliated unions has been formed to support Democratic candidate Morse Johnson against the incumbent Taft-Hartleyite.

Kentucky Democrats, meanwhile, are worried about the one major primary defeat that organized labor has suffered recently. Many of them fear that the victor of the "Bumbling Bourbon" Virgil Chapman over labor's candidate, John Young Brown, in the Senatorial primaries may spell defeat for the state-wide ticket this fall.

Even the senatorial defeat was not without its bright side, however. The labor backed ticket overwhelmingly carried Louisville, principal city of the state.

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New Jersey Unionists Hit at Wallace, Back Democrats

NEW BRUNSWICK (LPA)—After roundly denouncing the tactics of Henry Wallace's Progressive Party the New Jersey CIO-PAC, representing nearly 227,000 union members, last week gave its support to the Democratic candidate for U. S. Senate and to five Democratic Congressional hopefuls.

A resolution to endorse President Truman's reelection campaign was referred to the forthcoming session of the CIO executive board. The state leaders said that the meeting had no power to act upon it.

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Tugwell Getting Very Uneasy About Wallace's Commies

BALTIMORE (LPA)—Rexford G. Tugwell, only prominent New Dealer identified with the Wallace-for-President movement, told a Baltimore Sun reporter last week that he is "an uneasy member of the Progressive Party."

When asked if he is going to vote for Truman or Wallace, Tugwell, who presided over the Progressive Party's platform committee sessions, said: "At the present time my mind is open."

He fears that "the wrong people" may have gotten control of the new party, and will make it impossible for "old fashioned American progressives to go along with it." Asked if he referred to the Communists, Tugwell replied: "I don't know if they are Communists, but they act as though they are."

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Mine Workers Denounce Wallace As Tour Begins

WASHINGTON (LPA) — As Henry Wallace prepared for a campaign tour of the South last week his own record and the activities of his Progressive Party were denounced by the United Mine Workers and by the liberal political organization Americans for Democratic Action.

The UMW criticism of Wallace is contained in the current issue of the UMW Journal, official union paper. "We have searched the record and we fail to find anything that Wallace has performed in behalf of the common man that he blah-blah-blahs about so much in his talks and writings," the Journal says.

ADA, in which a number of AFL and CIO leaders are active, issued a pamphlet called "Bat Boy for Reaction," which also charges that the Wallace campaign is Communist-run. The Progressive Party, it says, has served notice of its intention to: "Blackmail progressive candidates into supporting pro-Soviet foreign policies or face the entry of Third Party candidates in their districts, and to punish at the polls those progressive candidates who will not capitulate to Communist pressure."

It cites, Wallaceite opposition to labor-backed Congressional candidates in Illinois, New York, California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

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Election Handbook Issued By Labor Political League

WASHINGTON (LPA) — "Blueprint for Victory," the first of LLPE's pamphlets to show union groups the way to "clean out reaction with political action" is available to all local LLPE and AFL units.

It provides a terse outline of why working men and women must take an active part in this election if we are to be spared another Congress like the 80th. State and local leagues are the basic LLPE power houses, the handbook explains. "National dictation will never elect one candidate. Elections are won in the precinct."

LLPE, the pamphlet promises, is here to stay. It will cooperate with other "liberal, farm and labor groups." But, the pamphlet warns, LLPE "must be kept independent and non-partisan. History is strewn with the carcasses of labor political bodies that allowed themselves to be swallowed by some candidate or non-labor political organization."

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Socialist Mayor Says Hank Should Debate Thomas

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (LPA)—Socialist Mayor Jasper McLevy said that Progressive candidate Henry Wallace is welcome to start his campaign in Bridgeport. But, McLevy added, he'd be even more welcome if he'd accept repeated challenges to debate Socialist candidate Norman Thomas. The eight-term municipal leader added that he'd be glad to have President Truman and GOP hopeful Dewey come to town too—particularly if they're willing to face Thomas on the debate platform.

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Shaky Republican Senate Seat in Wyoming Gets Jolt

CHEYENNE (LPA)—One of the six shaky Republican seats in the Senate was given a bad jolt last week when Gov. Lester C. Hunt of Wyoming won the Democratic nomination for Senator from that state.

Hunt, who had strong labor backing, has a good chance of defeating the present Republican Sen. E. V. Robertson, who voted wrong on ten out of sixteen key bills in the 80th Congress session and was absent on four others.

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Textile Workers Backing Humphrey Against Sen. Ball

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The United Textile Workers-AFL has been sore at Sen. Joseph Ball (R., Minn.) ever since last spring when Ball's joint Congressional labor-management committee "heard" the UTW's views on the Taft-Hartley law without bothering to tell the union that the committee's report on T-H was already written and at the printers.

Last week, UTW's executive council struck back. In a special action taken at its quarterly meeting here, the union wired Hubert H. Humphrey, mayor of Minneapolis and Democratic candidate for the Senate against Ball, wishing him success. In fact, UTW's council expressed the hope that Humphrey would not only win, but would end up as chairman of the "watchdog" committee now headed by the anti-labor Ball.

Strip Teasers

TRENTON, N. J. (LPA)—Strip tease artists in New Jersey are no longer covered by the state unemployment compensation laws. Acting Governor John M. Summerill, Jr., signed a bill removing all entertainers hired for an engagement of less than 10 weeks from coverage by the law. The bill was passed after courts ruled that burlesque girls, bands and other entertainers were covered by the unemployment compensation law.

Teamsters, Owners Of Trucks Join in Road Safety Plans

Truck Owners' Assn. Release

California's major trucking associations and the state's units of the Brotherhood of Teamsters will meet the challenge of highway safety through a joint executive statewide committee, it was announced by the two groups today.

Through an unprecedented labor-management program, the committee will foster full cooperation with the California Highway Patrol, local police and other state and municipal agencies.

Management will be represented by members of the Truck Owners Association of California and the Motor Truck Association of Southern California. Union representation will be for the Highway Drivers Council, the Western Line Drivers Council and the various Teamsters locals over the state.

REAL MAKES MOTION

Organization was achieved at a joint meeting in Los Angeles by a motion made by Charles W. Real, executive secretary, Teamsters Local 70, Oakland. Real urged that the committee launch at once into a study of remedies to assure safe, courteous operation on streets and highways.

Speakers reviewed the safety records of association members who comprise the for-hire motor carriers of California. The meeting agreed that both unions and companies should take appropriate action with drivers or operators for traffic violations and for creating conditions inimical to traffic safety.

Records clearly indicate the improvement in the for-hire industry's traffic safety program, and it will be the purpose to improve this record as well as solicit the cooperation of those truck owners who do not belong to any trade association, but who operate a large percent of the trucks in the state.

LABOR MEMBERS

Union members of the new committee are Real; Joseph J. Diviny, President Local 85, and Secretary, Highway Drivers Council of California, San Francisco; William J. Conboy, International Representative, Stockton; H. A. Macdonald, Business Agent, Local 431, Fresno; J. Poteet, Secretary, Local 542, San Diego; H. L. Woxberg, Director, Western Line Drivers Council, Los Angeles; Ted Merrill, Secretary, Local 692, Long Beach; and Jack Annand, International Representative, Southern California.

Named to the committee by the Truck Owners Association of California are Frank Terramorse, Joseph A. Gritsch, and Melvin D. Savage, San Francisco, and Herbert P. Moore, Oakland, with Harold Frasher, Fresno, alternate member. Committeemen for the Motor Truck Association of Southern California are A. J. Eyraud, Joseph Tanzola, Howard Lang and Ellis Longenecker.

An early meeting will be scheduled with Commissioner Clifford Peterson of the California Highway Patrol at which time a proposed code of ethics for commercial drivers will be described.

Is There a Labor Man in the House? Navy Wants to Know

The Alsops in their syndicated column tell of a petty officer in the Navy, stationed in Panama, who applied to his higher-ups for permission to marry a young woman who had been working as a clerk-stenographer for the Navy.

The Navy, according to the Alsops, proceeded to check up to determine whether permission would be granted, and sent her a list of questions. One of these was whether she was acquainted with "persons you know to be connected with labor activities and labor leadership in the Canal Zone".

UNITED PACKINGHOUSE

Workers-CIO signed a one year contract with Armour & Co. Like the UPW agreements with Swift and Cudahy, the new contract provides triple pay for holiday work and the check-off of union dues. Although no immediate pay raise was granted, reopening of the wage clauses during the life of the contract is provided for.

Carpenter Got 20 Cents Hourly But Eggs 15c Per Doz.

C. H. McCaslin, of 2737 Humboldt avenue, a contractor, tells The Labor Journal some interesting facts about the difference between the cost of building 46 years ago and today.

"My father, E. P. McCaslin, an old time carpenter and contractor, lingers on at 92, though precariously, and is philosophically preparing to fulfill his last contract with the Master Builder," explained McCaslin.

"While putting his affairs in order, I ran across an ancient ledger containing labor and material costs and other data on houses which he built back in 1902. The account was penciled while on the job, in a mechanic's angular scrawl.

141 HOURS, $28

"My father worked alongside his men and knew the work forward and backward. On August 26, 1902, he bid $99 to provide 'labor only' for the building of a three-room house for Mr. H. McDonald on Kentucky avenue, in Indianapolis, Indiana. One man was hired for the job, a George Day."

The accounts show that George Day worked a total of 141 hours and 30 minutes on this job. For this he received $28.30, being paid at the going rate of 20 cents an hour.

McCaslin's father put in 150 hours and 30 minutes on the job. Allowing himself the standard 20 cents an hour, this came to $30.10. Adding together the pay to George Day and his own pay made the total direct labor outlay $58.40. Since the contract for labor was for $99, that left McCaslin's father a profit of $40.60 on the contract, for providing the direction and handling of the job.

"THEO. ROOSEVELT PARADE"

As McCaslin says, "perhaps some living costs in those days of the horse and buggy and low wages and profits would serve to fill out the picture, and show how people got by at all."

His father's records show that eggs were 15 cents a dozen, bread 5 cents a loaf, imported bacon from China was 15 cents a pound, home produced bacon 23 cents, Grade A butter 20 cents, butter adulterated with lard 10 to 15 cents, steaks 20 cents ordinarily but since there was no refrigeration they sometimes glutted the market and cost practically nothing.

It should be added that the building job described was done on the basis of a ten-hour day, and that September 23, 1902, shortly before the job was completed, was marked by what the record shows as "Theo. Roosevelt parade." On that day McCaslin's father put down this note: "I worked." But George Day's record shows that he took the day off to see the parade.

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Pegler Whoops Up Attack on Unions

(News plus Comment)

The Hearst press through its spiritual advisor and spokesmen, Westbrook Pegler, is stepping up the attack on labor unions.

We consider this news, because while Pegler's attacks on unions are part of his stock in trade, at this time the stepping up of his attacks constitutes political news, since it so happens we have a Presidential campaign on, and news crops up in all sorts of places on this.

Pegler's line in this stepped-up attack is to show that the late Franklin D. Roosevelt was a Fascist, and that after "the NRA had finally come all unhooked . . . the big faker probably was scared stiff . . . but, through his unions, he could carry on almost as well, and he did, until he died."

"Thereafter the unions," says Hearts's soul, Pegler, "continued their outrageous racketeering . . . and their brutal intimidation of citizens by mobs of semi-military Fascist thugs, until, finally, a Republican Congress passed the Taft-Hartley Law."

And so on. This is all aimed at the November election. Labor people who fail to register and vote when the Democratic administration which was and is friendly to labor is subject to attacks of this sort by Hearst and the other big anti-labor shots, will be decidedly asleep at the switch.

LOCAL 3, of New York, biggest local in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL has voted 99% in favor of the union shop, in its first 50 NLRB elections. In 27 of the elections, not a single vote was cast against the union shop.—(LPA)

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Labor-Management Committees Thrive

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The old argument about whether most of the labor-management plant committees organized during the war were a "gesture" or genuine cooperative endeavors is renewed as a result of a survey of the fate of about 3000 such committees.

During the war, under the encouragement of the War Production Board, more than 5000 such committees were formed. Early this year, 3000 plants where such committees were operating during the war were surveyed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There are still 287 such committees functioning, according to reports received from 944 plants. Of these, 223 are in unionized establishments, and 64 in non-union plants. Another 657 plants reported that they had been disolved.

Tobin Reminds Beck He Can Fire Him

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company sustained a net loss of $1,074,510 for the first half of 1948, as contrasted with a net loss of only $448,499 last year. Most aircraft firms lost last year, but have more than made up for it in big profits under the new defense program during the first six months of 1948.

Aeromechanics' $64 question for Boeing's President William M. Allen is: "Does it really pay to be a union-busting fanatic?"

TOBIN'S STATEMENT

Following is the statement on Beck referred to by LPA, published in the August issue of the International Teamster:)

I have had numerous letters and inquiries from responsible representatives of our union asking me once again who has been made executive vice-president of the International Union.

In accordance with the unanimous decision of the general convention, which was attended by 1,716 delegates in San Francisco last August, the power was granted to the International president to select whomever he desired for that position and to regulate the salary according to his judgment.

The general president announced in the columns of this journal some time ago that he had appointed Vice-President David Beck, who is a general organizer on the West Coast, as the executive vice-president. He also niformed the general executive board of his action, which was unanimously approved by the board, although such approval was not necessary according to the action of the convention.

The executive vice-president is appointed for no special length of time and can be removed at any time if his services and actions are not satisfactory to the general president. No matter who the general president may be in the future, this is the law of the International Union.

Of course, it would be entirely impractical to have anyone as executive vice-president who did not carry out the policies and work in harmony with the general president either now or in the future. This is a necessity in order to protect and further the best interest of the International Union.

The vice-presidents of the International are elected for a certain length of time from convention to convention just as is the general president and the general secretary-treasurer. They cannot be removed from those offices except by the wishes of the membership in convention assembled, or unless they do something that is entirely wrong and charges are preferred against them. If found guilty, they can be impeached.

An executive vice-president, however, is a new office created in order that such an officer may be helpful to the general president in every way possible.

I think it was the distinct understanding by the convention that if possible the executive vice-president be chosen from within the elected vice-presidents and this was carried out by the general president.

Brother Beck travels from one end of the country to the other whenever required to do so and he has no permanent location or headquarters. Although he has an office in Seattle, he is in Washington, D. C., or in Chicago or New York whenever required by the general president to take care of affairs of importance which it is impossible for the general president to attend to.

The family within this organization of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has for many, many years worked in harmony and when a decision is reached by a vote of the general executive board, which is not always unanimous, the action of the board becomes unanimous and each member of the board scrupulously carries out that decision. When such a decision is made and an order given to the general president to carry out that decision and advise local unions of said decision, all local unions must obey or else they cannot remain in affiliation with the International

Only under such cooperative harmony, working together, can any international union succeed or progress and we might add that the same doctrine should be practiced within local unions.

Cement Study

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Senator Homer Capehart (R., Ind.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Trade Policies, announced the appointment of a 41 man committee to study the effects of the Supreme Court decision which outlawed the basing point price system in the cement industry. Following the court decree a Federal Trade Commission edict struck at a similar method of price fixing in the steel industry.

Labor men on the study panel are: President Philip Murray, United Steelworkers-CIO, President William Hutcheson, United Brotherhood of Carpenters-AFL, and President William Shoenberg, United Cement and Gypsum Workers-AFL. With the exception of spokesmen of two farmers' organizations and a coupe of economists the rest of the members are corporation heads.



STILL HOMELESS—Children of flood evacuees from Vanport, Oregon, play a checker game of their own invention at the Red Cross Swan Island shelter in Portland. These people's homes were washed away last spring in floods that could have been prevented through public power projects like the TVA.—(LPA)

Workingman's Inside Story of The Chicago Printers' Strike

By DON BRESNAHAN
New York Correspondent for AFL News Service

CHICAGO—The daily newspapers, the labor press and the radio stations carry regular reports on negotiations between Local 16, International Typographical Union and the Chicago Newspaper Publishers Association. More than 50 meetings have been held to date, and yet the printers and publishers cannot reach a settlement of the printers' strike, now in its ninth month.

To get the facts and also find out what Mr. Average Printer thinks about the strike today, this correspondent sought him out at strike headquarters.

Meet Mr. Average Printer, in this case, Jimmy Burrows, 33, who has a pretty wife and two children, Maureen 7, and Jimmy, Jr., 3.

Jim was an apprentice for six years, then became a journeyman for the Chicago Sun, which later merged with the Chicago Times to form the Sun-Times. Jimmy has been a journeyman printer for 7 years.

He walked out with the rest of his 1,600 coworkers on the Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily News, Chicago Herald-American and Journal of Commerce last November 24.

He walked out, he says "because we won't let them bust our union."

Q. Have you any objection to the way your strike has been handled?

A. No. I wouldn't have done anything different.

Q. Are you doing any side jobs to keep going?

A. No, we're making out all right on our benefits, and besides, I work 10-12 hours a day on strike business.

Q. How does your wife feel about the strike?

A. Of course she'd like to see it settled; so would I. But she knows my union and she knows we can thank it for whatever wage increases we got. And she knows that it has given us security and a pension in my old age and will take care of us if I became sick. She's with us, too.

Q. When do you think the strike will be settled?

A. When the publishers realize that they can't break our union and that they can't buy us with a wage increase. We're out on strike for union security.

STRIKE BENEFITS

Jim receives $60 a week while on strike. It comes from union Printers who are working throughout the country, in Canada, Alaska, etc. They help pay Jim's expenses through a 5 percent assessment. Unmarried men receive $40 a week while on strike.

"Every Tuesday we have a special gripe session," Jim said. "Anyone can come to it and ask any question he wants and get anything off his chest. There's darned little griping. The men know what they want."

Jim carried a picket sign in front of the Sun-Times building for three months. They were the coldest months of the year.

Then, because he had good experience in that field, he was asked to help with union publicity. He has done everything from running errands to announcing programs over WCFL, the station which airs the printers' special broadcast at 9:30 p.m.

Jim Burrows is determined to see the strike through. We talked with his coworkers and with other printers who dropped into the headquarters, and they were all just as determined as Jim.

So much for the individual printer, but what about public sentiment? Everyone knows the average newspaper reader is griping about the varitype system of getting a newspaper out. It hurts their eyes, and many oldsters can hardly make out the words.

Henry Rosemont, a member of the strike committee, said the public is, for the most part, on the side of the printers.

He told us about the special crews of strikers who contact Chicago pastors and ask the clergymen for permission to distribute strike literature in front of the churches.

PASTORS WITH 'EM

"Almost every one of the pastors tell us to go right ahead," Rosemont said. "And here is the really gratifying angle. Many of the pastors tell their parishioners not only to take our literature but read it carefully, too. Some of them have given favorable sermons on our strike. And a lot of the boys found themselves being invited up to the parish house for breakfast."

Rosemont said public cooperation is growing each day. Twenty newspaper carriers in Cicero, Chicago's "toughest" suburb, recently refused to deliver the struck newspapers when one of their number, the son of a union printer, walked off his job when his dad walked off his job!

"Lots of our pensioners insist on coming down here, too," Rosemont said. "They walk the picket lines right with our fellows and some of them conduct house to house campaigns to get people to stop reading the daily papers."

Rosemont said many of the Chicago printers are working on newspapers from Boston to San Diego. They are permitted to do so by the union, which issues them emergency working cards.

"And over 100 of our boys are working in the job shops right here in Chicago. They're working under the very same conditions the daily newspaper publishers refuse to grant!"

(The printers' 4-month strike against the Franklin Association, commercial printing employers, ended recently. The strikers received $11.89 a week wage increases and protected their union security.)

The printers are frank, and freely admit that the strike has hurt them financially. As an example, Rosemont pointed out that the local's treasury dipped from a quarter of a million dollars to just $27.57!

But the union is not broke. The international is throwing its full weight into the fight, and labor unions everywhere, recognizing the importance of the dispute in Chicago to the entire labor movement, are backing up the printers.

"But our greatest asset isn't financial," Rosemont added. "Our greatest asset is the loyalty of our membership. We'll stick it out until we win. And we will win."

And that is where the striking Chicago printer stands today.

GOP Planning More Federal Sales Tax, Democrat Charges

The following release was sent to The Labor Journal from the office of Congressman John D. Dingell in Washington, D. C.:

A Federal sales tax dipping further into the inflation-crippled pocket of the country's small income groups is a strong possibility should the Republican Party maintain control over the next Congress and put their nominee in the White House, Representative John D. Dingell (D., Mich.) predicted here today.

The Michigan Congressman's prediction was based on what he described as "the trend of Republican tax thinking" during the 80th Congress.

A ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and often a spokesman for the Administration on tax matters, Representative Dingell last week attacked Republican claims of paring the Federal budget as "statistical sleight-of-hand magic."

'His sales tax prediction was contained in a reply to a statement made last week by Representative Knutson (R., Minn.), Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, in which Knutson expressed the opinion that a broad base of war-born excise taxes would probably have to be retained permanently.

"Chairman Knutson's desire to retain a broad excise base is strictly in accord with the Republican sentiment in Congress for a Federal sales tax. This dangerous trend is unmistakable, and can only be checked by the people in November," Representative Dingell said.

The Michigan Democrat, who in the 80th Congress fought for elimination of war emergency excise levies and battled unsuccessfully against Republican income tax reductions in upper bracket levels, said Knutson's statement was the forerunner of a GOP campaign to prepare the people for a sales tax.

Congress Warned

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The only people who benefited from the special session of Congress were the railroads and airlines, which were paid to transport the servants of the people from their home districts to Washington, and back again. At least, that's the view of Acting Chairman Joseph Clorety Jr. of American Veterans' Committee.

Never one to take defeat lying down. Clorety urged AVC members to demand the reconvening of Congress right after election day in November. He listed as urgent items: inflation control; passage of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill; and the civil rights program.

The veterans' demand was echoed by 11 Democratic mayors of northern New Jersey communities, who bought advertisements in Hudson County papers last week urging Truman to call Congress back to act on rising prices.

To sophomores a glass of beer is an adventure, and if the third one from the end on the left so much as smiles in their direction they feel that they are Don Juan's little brothers.—Heywood Broun.

Congress' 'Special Spasm' Is Analyzed by Buell G. Gallagher

Following is the analysis made over KRE recently of the special session of Congress by Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, AFL-backed candidate for Congress in the 7th District, where Dr. Gallagher is opposing the one Bay Area Congressman who voted for the Taft-Hartley Law. Listen to Dr. Gallagher on Sunday nights over KRE at 9:15 p. m.

In opening this series of broadcasts, I said that the special session of Congress, then about to convene, provided one of the most dramatic moments in American political history. For the first time, Congressmen were to be permitted to show the voters whether or not they meant what they promised—and to show it before the voters went to the polls. We sensed the dramatic quality of that moment, and wondered whether the special session of Congress would furnish comedy, tragedy, or possibly an epic performance.

Well, now that it's all over, how does it add up? What do you think about it? Did performance justify confidence in further promises? Or did piddling performance of the past two years continue in picayune achievement at the special session? Let's look at the box score on the twelve points we laid down three weeks ago.

1. INFLATION

This is the critical issue of domestic policy. The current number of the United States News shows that a man who had an income of $2,500 a year in 1939 has to make $4,664 in 1948 just to buy the same things and break even. The article says that the same sort of thing applies to all income levels, large and small. The United States News concludes its comment with these words: "The cost of living, despite mild Government measures to retard inflation, is fairly sure to keep rising. . . . A tighter squeeze on incomes at all levels appears to be in the making for the year ahead."

Who is to blame? I, for one, refuse to put all the blame on politics and politicians. After all, we have only recently finished the most destructive war in all history. The ordinary man faces some pretty tight squeezes in any post-war period. You cannot turn half of the productive capacity of the nation into war industries for half a dozen years, without bringing on drastic difficulties later. Let's remember that the basic cause of our inflation is the war—not a particular political party or a particular group such as the financiers or the wage earners.

But, on the other hand, we can ask whether anything was done to try to offset the economic after-effects of the war. And here the answer is strikingly clear. During the war, with consumer buying power greatly increased by war-time earnings, and with consumer goods drastically cut because of conversion to production of arms and materials of war, the lid was kept on inflation through price controls and rationing. We held the line for consumers. And then what happened? Three years ago yesterday came V-J Day. And soon afterward, over the president's protest, price controls were scuttled. Finally, the 80th Congress killed OPA. And in the past 18 months, with our peacetime industries turning out record quantities of consumer goods, the uncontrolled price levels have taken wings. In these 18 months, prices have gone up more than they did during all the weary war years of scarcity. Abundance should bring low prices; but the premature lifting of controls has merely spelled inflation instead. The basic cause of inflation is the war. But the blame for permitting inflation to go unchecked lies squarely with the 80th Congress.

Yes, I know that people were clamoring for meat. So, Congressmen, with an eye on the next election, ducked responsibility, refused to stand firmly behind the President in an unpopular stand, scuttled price controls, passed the act over his veto—and gave us meat. But who can afford it, now that it's here? If a Congressman had said, "You asked us to take off controls, but we knew that would spell inflation, so we kept the controls,"—if a Congressman were in position to say that to his electorate today, he could at least face his defeat with dignity and a clear conscience. But when a Congressman has as his lame excuse the statement that he knew it would bring inflation, but the people wanted it, we have a right to ask whether this is the kind of courage we want in our national legislative halls.

And what did the special session do about inflation? It passed a bill. Give it credit for that much. But what a bill! A piddling measure designed to curb installment buying and make money harder to borrow. Thus, those whose savings are exhausted, and whose purchasing power is cut in half by a Congress-permitted inflation, are now denied the only means they have of making ends meet. It is as though Congressmen had been convinced by that never-to-be-forgotten remark of a certain Senator from Ohio, that the way to bring down the price of groceries is simply to stop eating.

I do not say that the bill passed is completely worthless. In fact, it may do a little good. What I do say is that, compared to what ought to have been done in providing stand-by controls for which the President called, this action of the special session amounts to a betrayal of the American consumer. And we are all consumers.

On inflation control, score for the special session (say) 5%.

2. HOUSING

Yes, the special session passed a "Housing Bill" designed to permit builders of homes for the middle income brackets to borrow somewhat more liberally. How that action can be reconciled with the curb on credit is beyond simple minds like mine. With one hand, the special session wrote a bill to curb credit, and with the other hand it inscribed a bill to expand credit. Here is a perfect illustration of the planlessness of political expediency. Further, and more importantly, the so-called housing bill which the special session passed did nothing whatever for the low income families. The Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill had already passed the Senate and merely needed approval in the House of Representatives. It was not even brought out for debate.

Net score on housing (say) 3%.

3. EDUCATION

On this, the special session did nothing. Give them a big fat Zero. And fill that frame with the picture of neglected American childhood.

4. HEALTH INSURANCE

No action. Another Zero, filled with unpaid hospital bills and unnecessary misery.

5. PUBLIC POWER

The 80th Congress had already cut into the Central Valley and other projects so as to curtail and restrict the development of public power. They flatly refused to rectify that error in the special session.

And here I have a prediction and a challenge. Your present Congressman, in the weeks just before the Primary Election, made quite a show in the Oakland Tribune over his alleged efforts to get more business for the shipyards in Oakland. That incumbent Congressman says he wants more industrial activity in the East Bay so that more men will have jobs. My prediction: that he will return to campaign this Fall with the same specious idea and plausible argument. My challenge: that he explain why he voted against cheap power from the Central Valley Project if he is really interested in seeing Bay Area industries grow.

On Public Power, the net score for the special session: Zero.

There were seven other items we listed three weeks ago as "must" legislation before the special session. Here they are, with the score:

6. MONOPOLIES
No action. Zero.

7. TAXES
No action. Zero.

8. SOCIAL SECURITY
No action. Zero.

9. LABOR
No action, either on the Taft-Hartley Act or the minimum wage. Zero.

10. ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL
No action. Zero.

11. HUMAN RIGHTS

No action. Instead, once again the shameless coalition of Dixiecrats and Deweycrats defeated even the mild Anti-Poll Tax measure. As the special session adjourned, having smilingly gone through the motions of a Filibuster, the Deweycrats promised that when they get elected next Fall, they will come back and amend the Senate rules to eliminate the Filibuster. How much longer are we to accept fair promises of future action, when present performance makes mockery of them? At the special session, we got no action on the Poll Tax, no action on the anti-Lynching Bill, no action on a Fair Employment Practices Commission. The only action we did get—and it is important—was from President Truman, with his orders to eliminate all racial and religious discrimination in government employment and in the armed services.

And on that other matter of Human Rights before the special session—the Displaced Persons—the bill passed last Spring was rightly labelled by the President as a "rotten anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic" bill. It still stands. The special session didn't touch one comma of it.

On Human Rights: Zero.

12. PEACE

The special session did finally get around to lend the United Nations $65 milions for the construction of its new home. It may be that the UN will now decide not to leave our soil for a more hospitable place. Aside from that, what did the special session do- Well, Congress itself did nothing. But a few Congressmen who need headlines to help them in the November election, have given us one of the sorriest and most sordid examples of legislative malfeasance in the history of American politics. To attempt to cover up the non-performance of the special session with a public attack on men like Alger Hiss through the lurid devices of the public hearings of the Thomas Committee is unworthy of men who held offices of public trust.

If something is to be done about a spy investigation, let it be done as it was in Canada—with decency, dignity, and without partisan bias. President Truman was never more right than when he labelled the whole of Representative Karl Mundt's special session activity a red herring—a very red herring, which smells very bad as it tries to perfume the odor of Congressional non-performance.

Well, was the drama of this high moment of American political history an epic performance? A comedy? A tragedy? Or just a farce?

AFL Men Report on European Meetings

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The two AFL leaders who have just returned from important international trade union conferences in Europe reported on the highlights of their work.

George M. Harrison, president of the Railway Clerks-AFL, who was on railroad labor's delegation to the Oslo meeting of the International Transport Workers Federation and who represented both the AFL and the Railway Labor Executives Association at the London meeting of the Trade Union Conference for European Recovery, emphasized a hitherto unpublicized aspect of his trip.

He said that he and President David Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL gave the U. S. commander in Germany, General Lucius Clay, some sound advice for future U. S. policy there. They urged Clay to relax the freeze on wages, to restore to the unions all the property confiscated from them by the Nazis, and to give the unions a direct voice in the allocation of exports and imports as well as in the administration of Marshall plan aid.

Harrison said that the "magnificent U. S. air transport system is all that is saving Berlin from starvation, but if it had not been for the loyalty to democracy shown by the great majority of the people of Berlin, and above all by trade unionists, the Allies would not today be holding one inch of that city."

He said that the Russian blockade has thrown virtually all of the Berlin railway workers out of work and has frozen most of their unemployment insurance funds in banks in the Soviet zone. "How they keep from starving is a miracle," Harrison exclaimed.

A report written by an ILGWU official, Jay Lovestone, who accompanied President Dubinsky, calls attention to the complete cooperation between the representatives of the various branches of the American labor movement at the London conference. AFL, CIO, railway and miners' spokesmen were united in their determination to set up effective international labor machinery to lead in the accomplishment of the European recovery program.

Harvester Strike

CHICAGO (LPA)—Protesting a cut in take-home pay, United Auto Workers-CIO struck seven plants of the International Harvester Co.

More than 24,000 workers in Melrose Park, Ill.; Evansville, Ind.; Memphis, Tenn.; Springfield, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind., walked out when negotiations broke down. The next day bargaining talks resumed as the strike continued.

Though wage issues had been settled, the union charged that speed-up and time study methods were being used to reduce pay. UAW is keeping on skeleton crews to staff power plants and prevent damage to boilers.



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Musicians' Union Tells How Met Managem't Used Cancel Threat

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
Chicago Correspondent for the AFL News Service

NEW YORK—Whether or not the Metropolitan Opera House will open its doors this winter is at this writing unknown. What is fact, however, is that an attempted coup by the Met's "blueblood" board of directors to pin the rap of its financial difficulties on AFL trade unions in New York City collapsed in the face of a public relations counteroffensive led by Local 802, American Federation of Musicians.

The story, the results and obvious moral are worth recounting because they clearly prove the theory that there is nothing like the truth, carefully detailed and correctly timed, to prevent unjust attacks by employers from smearing unions.

The Met's financial difficulties are historic. This year the Met informed the unions, with which it has contracts that it was either renewal of agreements "as is" or else—no season. Requests for wage increases were pared down and finally the sole remaining issue was the creation of a social security and unemployment insurance scheme for the Met's employes. Local 802 informed the management that the orchestra would offer its services gratis for several benefit concerts with the proceeds to go into a welfare fund to benefit all the crafts represented.

MET'S ANSWER

The Met informed the unions the answer was "no" and then with no further ado sent off a long statement to the papers that the board of directors had voted to close the Met for the 1948-49 season, offering the large deficit allegedly incurred by labor costs, as the reason for this decision.

The same afternoon that the Met's statement was issued, Local 802 got out its side of the story to the papers, making it clear that there were no wage issues involved, that, in fact, no wage increases had been received by the musicians for two years, that only the welfare issue remained, that no meeting with the Met's board had ever been held prior to this decision to shut down, that the musicians had contributed cash in previous years to help the Met hurdle its financial problems and that, most importantly, the Met belonged to all the people and not solely to a handful of directors.

Whatever labor-baiting might have followed the Met's press release was halted by issuance of the Local 802 statement. The Times and Herald-Tribune published the texts of the Met and 802 statements side by side and the Times that same day editorialized, "The Met must not close." The rest of the New York press gave ample space to the union's side of the story and two newspapers published editorials clearly absolving the unions for responsibility in the Met's closing.

UNION AS SCAPEGOAT

The customary practice of scapegoating the unions, and particularly the musicians and stagehands, was blocked largely because the facts were presented, reporters on the metropolitan papers were kept closely informed of the facts by personal contact and they were kept informed, on-the-record and off-the-record, throughout the controversy.

The simple step here was to come out with the labor side of the story as quickly as possible, with no delay until the next day or the day after. The Met's statement got the jump only in the very last editions of the afternoon papers. Thereafter, the union's position, telegraphed to the press, delivered by messengers and even dictated over the phone to papers with early deadlines, was in the city rooms of all New York papers and press agencies.

Delay in this matter, which was of national and even international interest, might well have been disastrous because the Met's sob-story sounded quite convincing—until the rebuttal was offered. Delay of even half a day would have meant that the Met's story would have had a field day in the papers and union denials and analysis would have had tough sledding catching up.

Proof of the effectiveness of this prompt publicity was visible not only in the favorable editorials in conservative papers but in letters to the editors which criticized the Met's decision. Readers were given the rare opportunity of studying both sides of the case and their judgment—on the facts—favored the unions involved.

Had not labor in this case been prepared for swift action, there is little question that the papers would have solemnly intoned the usual chant—"those damn unions."

Write your own moral.

Labor Prosecutions In Michigan Halted

DETROIT (LPA)—All prosecutions of unionists under Michigan's Bonine-Tripp law were called off pending a state supreme court test of a decision that the law is unconstitutional.

Circuit Judge Theodore J. Richter last month upheld the claim of United Auto Workers-CIO that the state anti-labor law is subordinate to the federal Taft-Hartley law. The ruling was handed down in a decision on the Chrysler strike, before which UAW refused to submit to a state-conducted strike vote. Hundreds of UAW members were facing criminal proceedings under the law and Attorney-General Eugene F. Black's order last week brought about the immediate release of five officials of the Detroit Joint Board of Amalgamated Clothing Workers-CIO.

Black will appeal the case to the state supreme court in October.

Pacifism is ineffective and has an unpleasant flavor.—H. G. Wells.

New Secretary of Labor Denounces Taft-Hartley Law

WASHINGTON (LPA)—At his first press conference here, new Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin led off with a bitter attack on the damage done to labor-management peace by passage of the Taft-Hartley law.

Concentrating especially on the ban on the closed shop, Tobin said that under the law "the closed shop is declared illegal and cannot be contracted for by those employers who desire it and consider it mutually advantageous." He called the ban on the 100-year-old practice "impractical" and conceded that it lel to a "lot of bootlegging and dealing under the table."

The next day, President Truman told reporters that he is in complete accord with Tobin's views. And Chairman J. Howard McGrath of the Democratic National Committee added on the same day that the outlawing of the hiring hall under T-H in the Great Lakes maritime union case "is an unwarranted invasion of the principle of free collective bargaining but legal under the Taft-Hartley law. It proves the point made by the President in his veto message in 1947."

AFL MAN PREDICTED

Tobin told reporters that he hoped to name an under-secretary for the department within a month. The gap was left by the resignation of John Kmetz, and will undoubtedly be filled by an AFL official. No one can be named to fill the post left vacant when Under-Secretary David Morse resigned, due to a technicality.

The new Labor Department head indicated that he hoped to confer soon with AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray, as well as other union leaders.

Here are Tobin's views on the Taft-Hartley law:

"At the time the Taft-Hartley law was passed millions of workers were getting along amicably with employers under the closed shop agreements arrived at by mutual consent. Few strikes occurred in industries where the closed shop was the tradition and the pattern, for the most part, was one of labor-management cooperation and understanding. The closed shop has been in existence in the United States for more than a century, and was relied upon by employers as well as employees to create stable conditions of employment and to obtain and maintain an adequate supply of qualified workers in skilled trades and occupations. Under the Taft-Hartley law, the closed shop is declared illegal and cannot be contracted for by those employers who desire it and consider it mutually advantageous.

BLOW AT UNIONISM

"While the union ship is permissible under the Taft-Hartley law, the union and employer cannot enter into a union-shop agreement until they have submitted to the cumbersome arrangements of the act and an election of employees is conducted at public expense. Such elections are required even where there is already in existence clear evidence that the employees and the employer are willing and ready to enter into a union-shop agreement.

"With the Government more deeply involved than ever before in the process of public officials, if any expenditure of money is involved, thus the Act prevents workers from taking an effective position to protect their economic security. As I understand the law a union could not even pay for a hall for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss candidates or issues in national elections. A court has held that a union cannot buy newspaper advertising space or radio time for this purpose under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

"Such restrictions on organized labor were never in our history a part of the federal law. The law is a blow at unionism. Unionism for over a century has been a potent factor in our American system, and in recent years a heavy contributing factor to our country's overall prosperity."

Hiring Handicapped Boosted by Truman

WASHINGTON (LPA) — President Truman met with his committee to promote "Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" at the Labor Department here. The 150 members of the committee also heard reports that plans for the 1948 observance, schedule of October 3-9, are well under way.

"I want you to do the job as you have always done it," Truman told the group, "and do it a little better this time. And a week after Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, do it a little better. Do it for 51 weeks, then 52 weeks more; and then let's work just as hard in preventing the handicapping physically of our population."

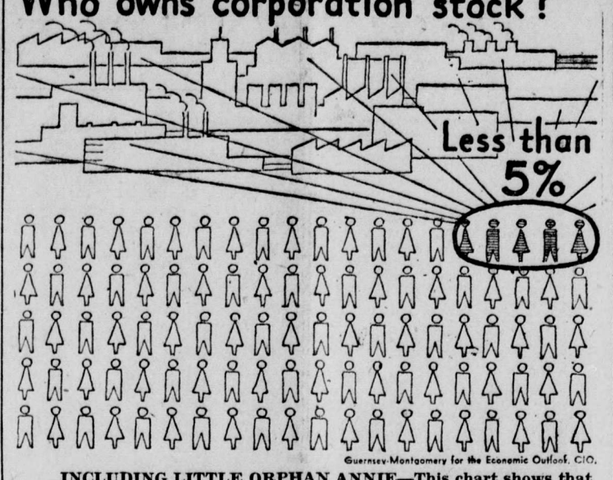
Labor Secretary Tobin told the committee that, during the past year, nearly 250,000 physically handicapped obtained jobs in industry, and that 36,000 were placed in last October alone.

Union officials present included A. J. Hayes, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, who presented a report from the labor committee of the conference, charging that failure to employ the physically handicapped is not a matter of the inability of handicapped workers to do the job, but is due to "the attitude maintained by those who regulate industry and business hiring practices."

Also there were Charles Davis and Dr. R. R. Sayers of the United Mine Workers, Legislative Representatives Walter Mason and Lewis Hines of the AFL, L. S. Buckmaster, CIO vice-president, Frank Fernbach of the CIO.

The cub never believes that the future holds for him the same fate it has laid upon his advisor.—Richard Owen Boyer.

Who owns corporation stock?



Guernsey-Montgomery for the Economic Outlook, CIO.

INCLUDING LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE—This chart shows that only 5% of all adults in the United States own stock, according to U. S. government figures. Even most of these people hold only a few shares, so that in practice a small handful of very wealthy men control our economy. The Outlook urges its readers to vote out the Congress which killed OPA and put in one which will establish democratic control of our economy.—(LPA)

Job Training for Europeans Helped

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., (LPA)—Speaking at the convention of the West Virginia Federation of Labor William F. Patterson, director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship of the Labor Department said that the USZ will aid European nations in establishing voluntary labor-management apprentice training programs similar to those operated by a number of AFL unions in this country.

Patterson who has just returned from a trip to France, Italy and Greece said: "As a result of my observations I am recommending that arrangements be made to send one or more representatives from the Bureau of Apprenticeship to some of the European countries to act as advisors to governments and to both management and labor to see what can be done towards improving management and labor relations through apprenticeship. I am suggesting that an equal number of persons from other countries be brought to the U. S. to study at first-hand how the national voluntary apprenticeship program is working out here."

The Labor Department official revealed that an apprentice training expert has already been at work in Greece and has set up "a pilot program" on the Greek railroads.

"I believe," Patterson declared, "we have developed a voluntary cooperative approach between management, labor and government agencies, which can be utilized profitably by many of the countries in Europe. There is a tendency in the countries I visited of setting up apprentice training programs in terms of government decrees and regulations. In exchanging experiences both with employers and unions I found that both groups would like to see greater participation by management and labor in working out the programs.

Other proposals advanced by Patterson were the bringing to America of foreign craftsmen for training in American technical skills, and encouragement to overseas trade union leaders to come here and study the operation of U. S. unions and the life of American workers. "Seeing is believing," he said.

Louisiana Dairymen Join National Farm Labor Union of AFL

MEMPHIS (LPA)—Over 2000 farmer-unionists, Louisiana dairy farmers whose products are bought up by the big New Orleans dairy interests, have affiliated with the National Farm Labor Union-AFL.

The dairy farmers are organized into two local unions, one at Amite, the other at Franklinton, La. A friendly rivalry is developing between the two locals, almost evenly matched in membership, over which can increase its membership fastest.

The Franklinton local is in the northern part of the state, near the Mississippi line. It is beginning to extend its recruiting into that state. The Amite local, further south, is pushing on towards New Orleans. Between the two of them they hope to have 5000 members by the end of the year.

About two years ago these two locals were struggling independents itching for a battle with the milk trust. They affiliated with the powerful International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL as their fight began and received wholehearted support from that union, which brought them victory. Not only did they refuse to sell to the dairy companies at the low prices that were offered, but they succeeded, with IBT aid, in preventing inferior milk from entering New Orleans until their demands were met.

Although grateful to the IBT, the farm locals wanted to be part of a farmers union. In June southeastern heads of the IBT met President H. L. Mitchell of the NFLU at the Texas AFL convention, told him about the locals and began the process which was culminated last month with their receiving charters from NFLU.

Labor Planner

CHICAGO (LPA)—Theodore Robinson of Local 121, United Packinghouse Workers-CIO, has been designated as the city CIO's representative on the Chicago Plan Commission. The Commission, which plans over-all city housing and industrial relocation developments, has not heretofore had a CIO member. Robinson has served on the housing committee of the Council of Social Agencies and the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations.

Youth always has a chance of being right.—Ludwig Lewisohn.

IATSE Convention Grapples With Many Special Problems

CLEVELAND (LPA)—More than 1100 delegates took part in the 39th biennial convention of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Moving Picture Operators of America.

President Richard F. Walsh's report to the delegates points out that 938 locals of IATSE are represented, representing a gain of 29 newly chartered locals since the last convention two years ago.

In describing union's activities in the Hollywood movie studios, Walsh says "By exposing and defeating the pro-Communist forces that sought to control the key medium of public information we serve, the Alliance has played a prominent part in the battle against a world movement aimed at destroying America's democratic institutions.

The union's convention devoted considerable time to the developments in the nation's film capital where, from 1944 to 1947, the IATSE was involved in a battle with the Conference of Studio Unions.

In the newly opened field of television, the union is also faced with problems of jurisdiction. While the IATSE executive board was in session here, an injunction was granted by a federal judge in a New York court under the Taft-Hartley law, on a complaint made by the American Broadcasting Co. According to the IATSE, an unaffiliated union, the National Association of Broadcasting Engineers and Technicians, threatened to strike the entire ABC system if it reached an agreement to use IATSE members in the premiere of its television show.

The AFL union had offered to arrange for the members of both organizations to be employed at the premiere of the television show. A similar arrangement had been made for a CBS premiere where both IATSE and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL technicians were employed. The network in this instance, however, offered to pay the IATSE members stand-by time. This is a violation of the Taft-Hartley law provisions against "featherbedding," the union pointed out, and is also against union policy. The Executive Board instructed the union's lawyers to "fight this case to the limit."

Franco's Murder of 22 Miners Reported

NEW YORK (LPA)—Almost simultaneous with the publication of a statement by Franco's Minister of Justice that "there are no longer any genuine political prisoners in Spain," news arrived that the Franco regime has brutally murdered 22 miners in the province of Asturia.

The 22 miners were dragged out of their homes by Franco's Falangist militia men on suspicion of keeping alive underground trade union and Socialist Party activity. They were hurled into a natural well called Pozu Fumeros.

The lucky ones died by the impact of their bodies against the walls. The unlucky ones survived for several days, perishing when the Fascists returned, poured gasoline over them and then tossed in sticks of dynamite.

News of this latest Spanish terror against democratic trade unionists and socialists was received by the International Solidarity Committee, whose executive committee includes numerous AFL and CIO leaders, from Indalecio Prieto, leader of the Spanish labor groups exiled in France and Mexico. Prieto was Minister of War in the Spanish Republican government.

ISC, and the Workers Defense League, have protested to the U. S. State Department and the United Nations, demanding international acion to force the Spanish government to abandon its terrorist policies. ISC has also set up a special relief fund for the families of the murdered Spanish democrats.

Meanwhile, the Fascist Minister of Justice, Raimundo Fernandez Cuesta was attempting to destroy even the names of the regime's thousands of victims. He denied that there are political prisoners in Spain and said that some of the inmates of Franco's crowded jails "tried to give their blood crimes a political disguise."

Bell Pay Raise

BUFFALO (LPA) — Pay hikes ranging from 11c to 19c an hour are included in a wage contract approved by the 2500 employes of Western Electric's plant here, represented by Division 63 of Communications Workers of America.

The union's officials express hope that this may be the needed break in the Bell telephone system's previous refusal to raise wages at this time.

Foremen Hit Hard By Taft-Hartley

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The disastrous effect of the Taft-Hartley law upon the growing desire for union organization among foremen and other supervisory employes was made clear by the decision of a federal court of appeals, and an NLRB ruling.

In Cincinnati the circuit court overruled an NLRB decision that said employers, even though Taft-Hartley frees them of the obligation of bargaining with a foremen's union, may not interfere in their organizations or discharge supervisors for union activity.

The Foremen's Association of America unaffiliated had brought the case into court claiming that the section of Taft-Hartley which denied them collective bargaining rights is unconstitutional.

But the court not only disregarded their plea, it even denied them the cold comfort that the NLRB had granted them. "We believe," the court said, "that the Congress intended by the enactment of the law that employers be free in future to discharge supervisors for joining a union and to interfere in their union activities."

Meanwhile the NLRB itself ruled that assistant district managers of insurance companies are foremen within the meaning of Taft-Hartley and denied the petition of the Industry and Ordinary Insurance Agents Council-AFL, for a collective bargaining election among the assistant managers of the John Hancock Co.

343 Vets in July Purchased Homes Under State's Plan

State Govt. Release

SACRAMENTO—A total of 343 California veterans took advantage during July of the State's low-interest plan to purchase farms and homes, a slight increase over the June figure, the State Department of Veterans Affairs announced today.

The State advanced $2,267,596 to 338 veterans for the purchase of homes, an average of $6,709; and $47,100 on the total cost of five farms, an average of $9,420. In addition, $34,370 was advanced to 84 veterans for repairs and remodeling.

The current interest rate paid by eligible veterans buying homes or farms under the State plan is 3 percent.

A total of 29,086 veterans of World Wars I and II have participated in the plan since it went into operation in 1922, representing an aggregate State outlay of more than $146,000,000, over half of which has been repaid.

Farm Labor Status In California Hit By Ickes in Papers

WASHINGTON (LPA) — If the Taft-Hartley law can be used successfully to perpetuate, within the framework of free enterprise and civil liberty, an inhuman system of industrial feudalism, such as that which has been a disgrace in California, then the sooner this is brought into the open the better, said Harold Ickes in his syndicated newspaper column.

Ickes was referring to the situation at the DiGiorgio Ranch near Bakersfield, Calif., where members of National Farm Labor Union-AFL have been on strike for ten months now. The strikers, who have been up against the notorious Associated Farmers of California, have endured smears and violence and finally a Taft-Hartley injunction which NFLU President H. L. Mitchell says the union will immediately appeal to the Supreme Court.

"It is to be hoped," writes Ickes, "that the California farm workers will persist in the purpose to carry their case to the Supreme Court... What the workers have asked for, and were forced to strike for, is an opportunity to discuss with their employers their desire to live decently, in the American way. This has been denied them."

Celanese Pay

CUMBERLAND, Md. (LPA)—For almost the first time in the history of the Celanese Corporation mill here, a wage increase has been won without a strike. Company officials and officers of Local 1874, Textile Workers Union-CIO signed a contract calling for a 15c across the board pay boost, plus $12 a worker in place of retroactive pay.

The agreement followed successful completion earlier of negotiations with American Viscose Corporation, for 15c across the board, and with Industrial Rayon Corporation for 18c.

The 8000 Cumberland workers have had to walk the picket lines for their pay raises at frequent intervals ever since about 1936, and last year had to strike when the Cumberland plant of Celanese Corporation was the only holdout against a general industry-wide pay raise negotiated by TWUA.

The present agreement was ratified by the members of TWUA's largest local in three union meetings—one of them so large that 2000 people couldn't get in the union hall. Police roped off the street outside, and with the help of a public address system the workers heard the report of their negotiating committee and voted to okay the raise.

Auto Workers

DETROIT (LPA)—Nearly double benefits for accident, sickness and life insurance have been won by the United Auto Workers-CIO for 116,000 production workers in 46 Ford Motor Co. plants across the nation. The agreement, reached by a committee representing labor and management, supplements the recent wage settlement in which the same workers won 13c across the board.

Iron Falls Eight Stories Kills N. Y. Labor Union Leader

NEW YORK (LPA) — Isadore Landau, 55, a veteran official of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL, was killed when he was struck in the head by a 15-pound electric iron which fell from the eighth floor of a building in Manhattan's garment center.

Landau, who has worked for his union for 15 years, was assistant manager of the children's clothing department of the Cloak and Suit Joint Board of the ILGWU. He was walking through the garment district on union business when a 60-year-old worker in a 37th street clothing factory let his iron slip out of his hand while opening a window.

One of the crowd of people who gathered around Landau's crumpled body was his own son, Daniel, who works nearby. But the crowd was so large that he didn't see who the victim was.

Some friends of Landau's had been invited to dinner that evening by the family to celebrate his return to work that week after a siege of pneumonia and pleurisy. They had a hunch too that Landau was about to receive a promotion in his union work.

The death of the hard-working, popular joint board officer is mourned by hundreds of garment workers this week. They have known and respected him as a faithful union man since he arrived in this country as an immigrant sewing machine operator.

Power Workers

MINNEAPOLIS (LPA)—An annual increase of $3,000,000 was won by Locals 160 and 23 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL for 7000 IBEW members. The new contract with the Northern States Power Co. negotiated by the two locals nominally covers only their 1650 members, but its terms will be extended also to workers in a number of cities in Wisconsin, North Dakota and Illinois.

A dull man is so near a dead man that he is hardly to be ranked in the list of the living.—Saville.

Men hate each other because they do not understand each other—Ruth Taylor.

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NEED FOR MEN LIKE GALLAGHER IN CONGRESS DEMONSTRATED

Associated Press reports that President Truman was asked by newspapermen:

"Do you consider that the House un-American Activities Committee hearings have infringed on the Bill of Rights?"

The AP goes on to say: "The President replied yes, that he does."

Mr. Truman pointed out that employment files of Government employes are always available to Congress, but not confidential data used by the FBI and the loyalty boards.

It is because Mr. Truman has refused to have such confidential files turned over to the publicity-seeking Congressmen that Senator Ferguson and others have made the preposterous proposal, or hint, that Mr. Truman should be impeached.

Representative Nixon of California proceeds to smear the President by saying:

"I should think he would cooperate in the inquiry."

And just the other day Representative Hartley, who, cloaked by Congressional immunity, has been denouncing labor leaders right and left, announces that he intends to prosecute for libel some labor leaders who have denounced him.

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This scandalous disregard of the Bill of Rights, this pretense that the effort is to save the country when plainly the real motive is to capture headlines, this effort to smear the President for proceeding in orderly and dignified style in the midst of the uproar, makes it essential that we get better men in Congress.

Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, the AFL-backed candidate for Congress in the Seventh District, is the sort of man we need in Congress to fight both the Communist Party and the National Association of Manufacturers, yet keep a clear head on civil rights all the time.

His recent talks on the radio, over KRE, on the mistaken attitudes of both the People's World and the Oakland Tribune, and on the need for a strong genuinely progressive fight for expansion of human rights and liberties, made it plainer than ever how essential it is that he get into Congress in the November voting.

Dr. Gallagher cannot get into Congress if he doesn't get the votes. He can't get the votes if one of the largest groups of his natural supporters, members of labor unions, fail to register. There will be many who, if they fail to register, will regret very much being self-disfranchised in this vital election. For a vote for Dr. Gallagher is a vote against the one incumbent Congressman in the Bay Area who voted for the Taft-Hartley Law against labor.

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Register and vote! That is the message with two key words in it which we are compelled to bring to attention again and again, as there are still so many unregistered people in this county, and so many of them are labor folk.

And if you do register and vote, remember to vote for Dr. Gallagher. We need a decent non-Taft-Hartley Congress, if the labor movement is to live and grow.

RUBBING THE SLIME OFF WORDS

George Bernard Shaw has written a letter to The Times of London, suggesting that one thing this troubled world needs is a political dictionary. He says:

"Until we clear up our political nomenclature, our political oratory and journalism come to nothing but the pot calling the kettle black, without either of them knowing what they are talking about. We all lack a common and exact dictionary, and are at dangerous cross purposes over imaginary differences and delusive agreements that are only verbal."

We agree with Shaw that a political dictionary is needed, which would give words used many times in political discussion an exact and agreed-upon meaning. But if you are dealing with an opponent who makes a systematic art and business of twisting the meaning of words the meaning of which has long been established, how are you going to get that opponent to agree on the meaning of the very words which it is his deliberate purpose to twist and corrupt?

Dare Stark McMullin, participating in the controversy over some dozen Stanford students quitting the Progressive Party, pointed out that we need to "wipe some of the semantic slime off political words."

McMullin proceeds to enumerate some of these words: Youth, which is a term for "a manupulative group;" Democratic, "which will bear cleaning up;" Independent—"of what?" Progressive—"to where?"

Then there's the word Unity which makes any decent labor man see Red.

We know what group has poured the slime on these good words, and practically ruined them for legitimate use. But what chance would there be of getting this group to cooperate in agreeing upon the meaning of those words, or to cooperate in agreeing upon anything save the dogma that Russia is the best of all possible countries in what is otherwise the worst of all possible worlds?

As for Shaw's contention that "even liars need a language that will enable them to lie unambiguously," we feel that the people who are the world's top liars at the moment decidedly have such a language. When they say Democracy they mean Dictatorship with exactness and precision. When they say Yes they mean No. When they say No they mean Yes. When they say unity they mean Stoogery. What language could be more precise, more subject to exact definition—once you understand the lingo?

It should be added that when Congressman Rankin or the NAM says Communist, what is meant is Organized Labor.

ADMIRATION AND DISESTEEM

William James the great American philosopher once said that the genuinely superior human individual is one who feels "admiration for the really admirable, disesteem for what is cheap and trashy and impermanent."

Now, admiration for the really admirable, disesteem for what is cheap and trashy and impermanent, does not come into any heart and mind automatically or easily. It is a great prize to be worked and dreamed and prayed for. It is, moreover, one that can only be gained if we are humble-hearted and eager-minded, willing to be taught by those who know more than we about the great things we wish to know.

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

THE BERKELEY GAZETTE in a recent issue ran a very fair story telling of two radio addresses by Dr. Buell Gallagher in which he discussed the mistakes of the reactionaries and of the Reds in relation to the civil rights issue. Our readers may remember that The Labor Journal ran both of those radio talks by the AFL-backed candidate for Congress in the Seventh District.

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But curiously enough, the Berkeley Gazette evidently is very short of the following letters on its linotype machines: T, R, I, B, U, N, E.

For instead of coming out with it, and quoting Dr. Gallagher's denunciation of the Oakland Tribune, the Gazette declares that "Dr. Gallagher attacked an Oakland paper for its alleged refusal to 'print a single line of press releases given them by me; or, lifting a sentence or two out of context, printing an excerpt along with stuff concocted from some undivulged source.'"

Our point is that this way of beating around the bush is very unfair to the Knowland sheet. For if you tell anyone within about one thousand miles of Oakland that "an Oakland paper" did some contemptible cheap political trick, the person who hears the remark knows at once that it must've been the Trib up to its old tricks. And the hearer of the remark remembers it against the Trib even more than if it had been named directly, because of the sixteenth part of an atomized second it takes him to figure out the full name of "an Oakland paper."

Whereas, if you come right out with it and say that the Oakland Tribune did a dirty political trick, the hearer hardly thinks of the matter at all, because he's so used to it, and therefore it doesn't stick in his mind as one more thing to hold against the Knowland sheet.

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PEOPLE'S WORLD IS MADE SO SORROWFUL

Another paper which takes note of Dr. Gallagher's double-barreled attack on the People's World and the Oakland Tribune is the People's World, Adam Lapin, one of the People's World editorial page columnists until he deviates from the line a sixteenth of an inch or recants, devoted recently a whole column to sighing over Dr. Gallagher.

Lapin, deploring Dr. Gallagher's downright repudiation of Communism, says that "candidates who offer themselves to the public in this campaign as progressives and champions of the people will have to have strong stomachs and strong hearts." He adds that "Dr. Gallagher, despite his own denials that he is a Red-baiter, feeds the Red-baiting hysteria which he deplores."

Lapin winds up with the usual threat of his ilk: "Dr. Gallagher . . . may . . . succeed in convincing the trade unionists and progressives who will have to do the leg work that he is a summer soldier who wilts under the first attacks. It will be up to Dr. Gallagher to correct any such impression."

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As for Lapin's contention that a candidate needs "a strong stomach," we certainly agree that a candidate has to have a very strong stomach indeed to stand for the Communists as his political messmates. Mr. Wallace seems to have that strong a stomach, but we are very glad Dr. Gallagher hasn't.

Then as for that threat that it is "up to Dr. Gallagher to correct" the impression that he's down on the Commies, the truth is that the real "trade unionists and progressives who will have to do the legwork" in the campaign for Dr. Gallagher's election will work all the harder for him because he repudiates the Commies.

We are referring, again we say, to the real trade unionists and progressives, not to the little gang that takes marching orders from Molotov.

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TUGWELL HALF AWAKE STIRS IN HIS SLEEP

The Baltimore Sun reports that Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, who was chairman of Mr. Wallace's Progressive Party platform committee at Philadelphia, says now that he isn't even dead sure he'll vote for Wallace in November. Says the Sun:

"He (Tugwell) said he didn't think it was any secret that 'we had a big row' at Philadelphia, and that there is still a struggle going on bteween 'a certain group' and those of us who are simply progressives.'"

When Tugwell was asked if this "certain group" was the Communists, he replied, according to the Sun:

"Who can say whether they are or not? I certainly don't know whether they are Communists, but they act as though they are."

But on top of all that, Tugwell, says the Baltimore Sun, added:

"I believe Mr. Wallace is going to develop the kind of a program with which the real progressive can go along."

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It's fine of Tugwell to begin to plan to consider to start to inaugurate a decision to wake up, but how long is he going to be in a semi-comatose condition about what is going on in Wallace's nest of red rats and white mice?

To mix the metaphor, Mr. Tugwell,, fish or cut bait, fish or cut bait!

PEGLER DISCOVERS WHAT UNIONS ARE!

Westbrook (Peevish) Pegler

The miscalled labor movement of this period in American history is fundamentally vicious and destructive of the freedom which the American Constitution tries to provide.

This union government is a European system imposed on Americans by immigrants who became naturalized in the legal sense and so acquired citizenship but never entirely ceased to be Europeans and never entirely became Americans.



ABC NETWORK DOES A JOB ON METHODS OF COMMIES

Jack Gould, writing in the New York Times, highly praises the documentary expose of Communists' methods in labor unions and elsewhere which recently came out over the ABC network. The script for the documentary was written by Morton Wishengrad. Following are extracts from Gould's account of the show.

The story of "Communism—U. S." Brand" was told in the person of Phil Blake, a jobless member of a poor family. Economically and socially, he was ideal raw material for communism and almost as a course of least resistance soon found himself taking the oath to defend the Leninist line "which insures the triumph of Soviet power in the United States." As he became more imbued with the political faith, he accepted without question the increasing compromise of his personal dignity and character.

His first assignment was to discredit a union leader who, he recognized himself, was popular with the workers in a chemical factory. This was accomplished by the familiar strategy of having a militant minority simply outwait and outtalk the majority at a union meeting. The strength of communism was not great, but the interest and attention of democracy was weak and indifferent.

PARTY LINE SHIFTS

A shift in the party line made it necessary for communism to woo on Tuesday the very union which it fought on Monday. Phil Blake was moved on to another assignment: the organization of "front" groups which feed on liberal dupes. In conformity with Soviet dictate and whim, he first made over the "League Against War" into the "League for Collective Security" and then into the "American Peace Mobilization." Well-meaning persons allowed use of their names, usually on little more evidence than Blake's fabricated assertion that their friends were active sponsors.

It was at this point that Mr. Wishengrad introduced probably the most trenchant paragraph in his script. It came in the form of the realization by Dr. Whiteside, a surgeon, of the uses to which his name and reputation were being put. The passage follows:

WHITESIDE (To Blake): I wonder if you realize what it is you do. You take a person who thinks of himself as a liberal and you make a sucker out of him. You take words like democracy, and progressive and liberty, and you twist them into meaning their opposites. Blake, I know now why I don't like you. Some people may think you're a menace to the capitalist system; I don't think so. You're a menace to those who cal themselves liberals. You take good causes like race equality and decent housing and civil liberty, and you use them for your own ends . . . just as a come-on for the Soviet Union. It's too bad, Blake. I wish I could get up on a soap box and say to the liberals, go ahead, fight your battles, go ahead and God bless you. But fight without the help of the Communists. Because the thing about a Communist is that you can't trust him. No matter how noble he sounds, you can't really trust him. It's too damn bad, but that's how it is.

"CIVIL LIBERTIES"

In further emphasizing this philosophy, Mr. Wishengrad, in the form of an interview between Blake and a judge, underscored the American Communist's concern over civil liberties and free speech in this country, but his refusal to advocate the same principles for Russia. By implication at least, Mr. Wishengrad suggested that in this distinction lay perhaps a method for separating the Communist from the bona fide liberal who opposes economic or political slavery no matter where it arises.

But what is to be done about the American brand of communism? Mr. Wishengrad envisioned the problem as one requiring greater comprehension of the fact that the danger lies less in communism per se than in the shortcomings of our own way of life. Elimination of the deliberate inequities of democratic society—discrimination and squalor or, the privilege and patronage, the prejudice and pride—will take away the sustenance of communism.

IMPROVIDENT SHEPHERD

Or as Mr. Wishengrad put it in the close of his program:

"If we, like the improvident shepherd, allow ourselves to slumber, unmindful of our task, then, like the shepherd, we may awake to find that our flock is gone. For one thing at least is true of Communists everywhere: They never sleep."

LONDON LABOR SWATS WALLACE

The London Tribune, among whose editors are such well known far-left-of-center Labor Party people as Jennie Lee, Ian Mikardo, and Michael Foot, recently had the following to say:

But how can it happen, it may be asked, that Henry Wallace—the same who came to London a year or two back and spoke on the radio in favour of the Labour Government—should suddenly appear as a near-Communist spokesman?

The answer is that his speech on the radio was almost the only forthright speech in support of Labour Britain he has ever made.

We do not question his right to criticize as much as he likes.

But it might be thought that the standard-bearer of a new "Progressive Party" in America might show some recognition of the accomplishments of Labour in Britain. So far as we know, he has never done so.

Both before his visit and after, he has not sought to kindle any respect or comradeship for Labour's victories. Instead, in pusuit of his attack on the Marshall Plan, he asserted that the Labour Government was going to abandon its plans for the nationalization of steel under American pressure.

Confronted with the refutation of this suggestion, he kept silent.

The defense of Labour Britain in the United States has not rested with him.

For friendship and aid on the other side of the Atlantic our gratitude is due to others, to Mrs. Roosevelt, to many great leaders of American trade unionism, and to those liberals in America most hostile to Wallace.

These, too, have criticised the British policy, notably over Palestine, as they have every right to do. But they have sought to judge us fairly.

The same cannot be said of Henry Wallace. The cause of democracy in England, it seems, interests him not much more than the rights of democrats in Czechoslovakia.

He condoned and excused the Communist coup in Prague. It was not a pretty sight from the so-called champion of civil rights.

NOT A WAGE DEAL

Those who have seen the freedom with which American troops spend money will enjoy this story from India.

An American, having hired a tonga for a distance the ordinary fare for which would be half a rupee, magnanimously handed the driver a 50-rupee note.

The man shook his head violently and demanded 60.

"No," said the American, "that's enough. I shan't pay any more."

The Indian thereupon accepted the money and walked away, leaving the tonga and pony with the purchaser.

PAYCHECK WHISTLE

Coronet reports the case of the young man who entered a jewelry store to buy his girl's engagement ring. He picked up a sparkling diamond and asked its price.

"That one is $100," said the jeweler gently.

The young man whistled in surprise. He pointed to another ring and asked, "How about that one?"

"That, sir," said the jeweler still more gently, "is two whistles."

SYMPATHY STRIKE

A British doctor was called upon to attend the butler of an aristocratic but impecunious patient. When he arrived he found the man in bed, and a superficial examination revealed that there was nothing whatever the matter with him.

"It's like this, sir," said the butler in a hoarse whisper. "'Er ladyship owes me £6 in wages, and I'm goin' to stop 'ere until I get it."

"And a darned good idea, too," said the doctor. "Move over—she owes me £50."

Electricians Aid Vets Free

FRESNO, Calif. (LPA) — A rush job by 40 members of the AFL electricians unions saved a V-J Day veterans celebration here threatened by a last-minute SNAFU. Just a few hours before the vets street carnival was to open, it was discovered that no provision had been made for lights. In two hours a union crew strung 1000 feet of wire—for free too.

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

EMPTY MILK CARTONS, broken bottles, discarded paper plates, a profusion of waste paper—a scene of unspeakable litter! This was the sight which met the eyes of the weary park attendents on the morning after our Fourth of July holiday when they came to clear up the beautiful park which borders our beautiful Lake Merritt.

Few cities in our country have as lovely a spot right in the center of them as our Lake Merritt and its surrounding park. No city, surely, could have a more careless or slovenly citizenry.

All America, however, has its share of these garbage dumpers, and as more Americans drive hither and yon about our country-side, the problem of keeping our beauty spots clear of litter is becoming a serious one.

We pay good money in taxes for the upkeep of our parks and highways. The increasing amount of time spent on cleaning up litter is a strain on the public budget which few communities can afford to meet.

What are we going to do about it?

CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

The Long Island State Park commission is conducting a campaign to get picnickers to clean up their own trash. It would not seem that a campaign would be necessary. It would seem that people who enjoy the out-of-doors, who like to stop by the roadside for a picnic lunch, would be civilized enough clean up after themselves.

For some strange reason, they are not. People who would not dream of leaving such garbage in their own dining-rooms, will calmly drive away from some lovely spot, leaving a mess that would make any house-wife tear her hair.

"Since the war, there has been a pronounced let-down in the behavior of some parkway users," the Long Island commission says. "The commission is confident that by bringing the seriousness of the problem to the attention of the public that the behavior standards will not only be restored to the condition prevailing before the war, but even better."

This is a mild statement. But the commission does not feel quite so mild. Their trucks bear a placard telling the citizens how much the work of cleaning up is costing them, and they are prosecuting violators who leave trash about—when they can catch them.

"GARBAGE DUMPERS"

We think we have the most beautiful state in the union, with hundreds of miles of highway running through some of the finest scenery in the world. Yet how often as we drive along and select some lovely spot for a bit of lunch, do we turn away in disgust at the mess that has been left by our friends and fellow-citizens, the garbage-dumpers.

We have a great many more people in this state than we used to have. We can't afford to have even a small percentage of these thoughtless trash-tossers.

It is time we took this problem seriously in California. It is a job that women's groups might well tackle. They would find they had public opinion with them in such a campaign.

Even without a campaign every family could make a few good resolutions on their own. Mother should carry on her good-housekeeping methods even when she is on a pleasure trip. Teach the children to help clean up. Take pride in leaving a picnic spot even cleaner than you found it.

We want to be good citizens. We want to teach our children to be good citizens. The eyes of the whole world are on us at this time. We can't afford such carelessness even in such a matter as this.

We Californians love to boast about our beautiful state. Let's make good on our boast, and keep it beautiful.

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Women, Having More Hobbies, Are Happier than Men?

Do you dread old age? Don't, says Dr. Edward J. Stieglitz of Washington, D. C., speaking at a recent conference of old-age problems.

It isn't getting old, it's getting rusty, he says, that brings unhappiness in our later years.

"We should give children the same break that industry gives to buyers of new automobiles. The buyers get instruction books on how to care for the car and how to avoid wearing it out too soon." This doctor says.

He thinks we should teach our children more about how to care for the human machine so that it will stay in good running order for the whole of their lives. Good health is the foundation of happiness in old age, and far more people could enjoy it if they had in their earlier years known a few fundamental rules for keeping healthy.

Physical health is not all, however. Worry and boredom can bring even more unhappiness. Have we not all known elderly people in bad health, yet cheerful and happy because they were still finding useful and pleasant ways of occupying their time?

Incidentally, women, he finds are on the whole happier than men. He believes this is because women have more hobbies. They sew or knit or garden, and keep it up, some of them, to a great age.

We can go on learning too, which is the best hobby to all. The ability to learn, is at eighty, about the same as at twelve. Older people may have less muscular speed, but they have more endurance, and in most, memory is about as good. Judgment improves and there is greater skill in many things, due to long practice.

So don't bemoan this common fate of all of us who don't die young. Prepare in advance for inevitable changes. Eat work and play wisely. And quit worrying!

SEN. KNOWLAND?

"Do you think the Senator put enough fire in his speech?"

"My opinion is that he didn't put enough of his speech in the fire."

The Long Red Arm of the Law

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

If you're a Russian citizen
You're Stalin's property;
His cops will save you from free men
And welcome you home kidnapingly.

HEAD OF AFL FARM UNION TELLS ABOUT 'WETBACKS'

All AFL people in California are interested in the National Farm Labor Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, which has made such a valiant fight at the huge Di Giorgio ranch to improve the workers' conditions. Accordingly we are printing herewith the statement which H. L. Mitchell, president of the NFLU, recently made to the U. S. Senate Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Our organization which is composed of agricultural workers, has for several years been concerned with the problem presented by foreign nationals coming into the United States to work on farms.

We believe that workers should have the right to cross international boundaries to secure employment but we are opposed to foreign workers being brought into the United States legally or illegally, when there are native Americans unemployed and available for work.

The finance farm interests of this country are anxious to have a surplus of workers for the nation's farms. They consider the situation normal when there are two workers available for every job in agriculture. They are interested in securing Mexican workers either legally under contract or illegally as "wet backs", so that these workers may be exploited through low wages and the bad working and living conditions which prevail on their farms. And further, they want a controlled labor supply which can be ready for work when needed and discharged when the need no longer exists.

"PEONAGE" AGREEMENT

The recent agreement made by and between the U. S. Government and the Republic of Mexico borders on peonage for the Mexican workers legally imported into the United States, in that the employer has the right to terminate the worker's contract at will and in case the worker is dissatisfied, he has only the right to appeal to the Mexican consul who is not a party to the agreement. The U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service had a hand in working out this agreement. There should be a provision in the law to provide that no foreign workers will be permitted to enter the United States for the purpose of reducing American working standards. Either the present law is inadequate or its enforcement is ineffective on this score. We suggest that there be a provision in the law requiring that the agency determining the need for importing foreign workers for agriculture or industry, first secure the approval of a committee composed of equal representatives of both employers and workers affected by such importation of foreign workers.

In November of 1946, I made a trip through the Southwest and spent some time in the El Paso area investigating reports of the illegal entry of what are known as Mexican "wet backs." I talked to some very responsible citizens of El Paso County, including the county judge, the county attorney and others. On the basis of what I had learned, I made a public statement that "Immigration authorities were winking at the illegal entry of thousands of 'wet backs' into Texas," and estimated that no less than 20,000 such illegal immigrants had crossed the river in the past six months.

MANY ALIENS FOUND

This seems to have been substantiated in that the District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Mr. Grover C. Wilmoth, was quoted by newspapers as saying that the border patrol had apprehended a total of 81,000 aliens along the Mexican border during the preceding twelve months.

At that time I was told that the regulations of the Service did not permit border patrolmen to go on a private farm in search of aliens. Following this exchange of charges in the newspapers, I received an unsigned letter purporting to come from a patrol inspector. This letter included a copy of an order signed by Director Wilmoth ordering his men to stay off private farms. If your committee is interested in this sort of evidence, I have the original letter I received.

During the past year we have had some direct experiences with the unfair use of Mexican "wet backs" who are being used as strike breakers in a strike of 1,100 workers employed on the Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation Farms near Bakersfield, California.

BROUGHT IN BY NIGHT

Several hundred Mexicans were brought into the ranch under cover of darkness. We suspected that these men were illegal immigrants. We visited the offices of District Director Carmichael in Los Angeles and requested that they inspect the ranch. Several sporadic raids were made on the Di Giorgio Ranch and about 100 aliens were rounded up. 46 were apprehended at one time on this place.

Later, we questioned Mr. Carmichael about the possibility of prosecuting the responsible officials of the Di Giorgio Corporation for harboring illegal immigrants. We were informed that there was a loop hole in the law which prevented prosecution. We have reason to believe that in this case, this Corporation not only harbored the aliens but actually recruited them in Mexico and shipped them into Kern County. This loop hole in the law should be plugged and persons employing aliens who are in the United States illegally should be made liable to stiff penalties. If this were done, in my opinion, 90 percent of the "wet back" problems would be solved.

MERIT PROMOTION

In a certain insane asylum the men and women inmates who are only mildly deranged are permitted on occasion to meet for friendly conversation in the recreation yard. One morning two of the more trusted women strolled out of the yard and sat together on a bench outside.

"Oh, fudge," one of the women finally remarked. "I'm going back inside."

"Why?" inquired the other. "It's very pleasant out here."

"What does a pleasant place amount to," was the rejoinder, "when there's no man around?"

The other woman stared long and hard at the speaker. "You'll be getting out of here pretty soon," she finally announced.

"Why do you say that?" asked the other.

"Because," was the explanation, "you're beginning to talk sense!"

TRICKY CLAUSE

"George," said Mrs. Lovely to her husband. "I have received a letter from mother saying she is not accepting our invitation to visit us, and saying we do not appear to want her. What does she mean by that? I asked you to write and tell her to come at her own convenience. You wrote, didn't you?"

"Yes," said George, "but—er—I couldn't spell the word 'convenience,' so I made it 'risk'."

BOSS TRAINS 'EM

"For managers and overseers," proclaimed a great Chinese landowner, "always give me married men."

"And for what reason?" a visitor inquired.

"Because," said the wealthy Chinese "I abhor the muddled, unclear reports that have been sent to me by bachelors. They have never had to explain anything to a wife!"

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

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Life
Time
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STORES
Berland's, 1535 Broadway
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